

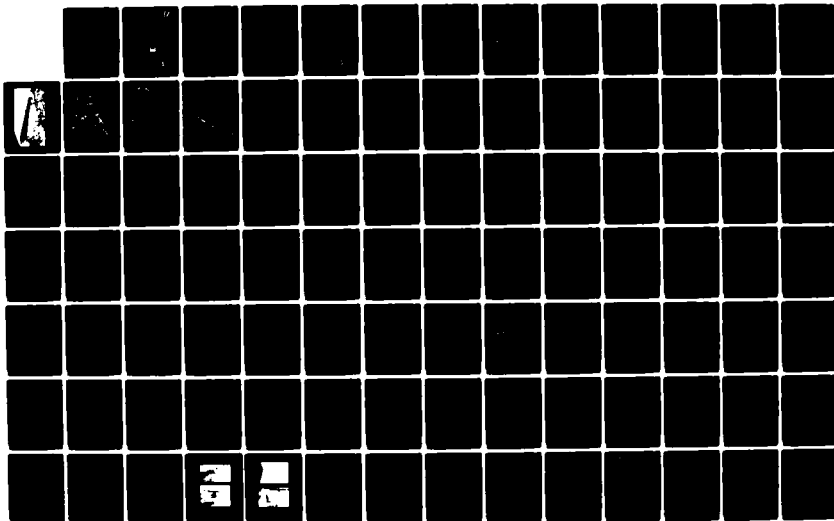
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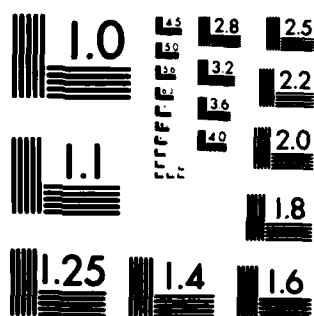
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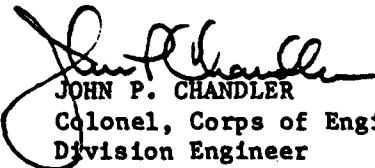
I am forwarding to you a copy of the Lake Watrous Dam Phase I Inspection Report, which was prepared under the National Program for Inspection of Non-Federal Dams. This report is presented for your use and is based upon a visual inspection, a review of the past performance and a brief hydrological study of the dam. A brief assessment is included at the beginning of the report. I have approved the report and support the findings and recommendations described in Section 7 and ask that you keep me informed of the actions taken to implement them. This follow-up action is a vitally important part of this program.

A copy of this report has been forwarded to the Department of Environmental Protection, the cooperating agency for the State of Connecticut. In addition, a copy of the report has also been furnished the owner, The New Haven, Water Company, Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut 06506, ATTN: Mr. Jack Reynolds, Superintendent, Source of Supply.

Copies of this report will be made available to the public, upon request, by this office under the Freedom of Information Act. In the case of this report the release date will be thirty days from the date of this letter.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the Department of Environmental Protection for your cooperation in carrying out this program.

Sincerely yours,

  
JOHN P. CHANDLER  
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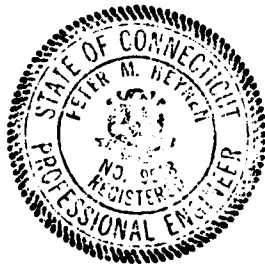
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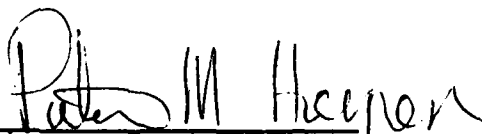
Based on the visual inspection at the site and past performance history, the dam appears to be in good condition. No evidence of structural instability was observed in either the concrete gravity section or the embankment - concrete corewall section of the dam. The downstream earthen embankment was observed to be in good condition, with only a minor surface slump in one area. There are some areas which do, however, require attention.

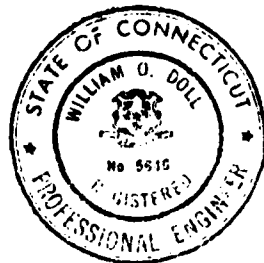
Based upon our hydraulic computation, the spillway capacity is 2800 cubic feet per second (cfs), which is equivalent to approximately 25 percent of the Test Flood. Based upon the size (Intermediate) and hazard classification (High), in accordance with the Corps guidelines, the Test Flood will be equal to the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). Peak inflow to the reservoir is calculated to be 12,600 cfs; peak outflow (Test Flood) is 11,400 cfs with the dam overtopped 1.7 feet. The peak failure outflow from the dam breaching would be 193,000 cfs. A breach of the dam would develop a wave which would be 15 feet high downstream at Lake Dawson Dam. Assuming Lake Dawson was operating with a freeboard of 5.5 feet, the resulting 90,000 cfs outflow from Lake Dawson with the Lake Dawson Dam overtopped approximately 9 feet, would cause severe loss of life and property damage in the residential area of Woodbridge approximately 2 miles downstream. Should Lake Dawson Dam breach also under the inflow from Lake Watrous, which is quite possible, damage downstream would be a great deal more extensive.

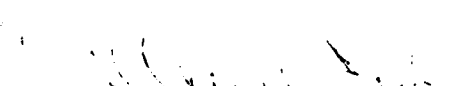
It is recommended that further hydraulic/hydrologic studies be undertaken to determine the most feasible methods for increasing spillway capacity to an acceptable level. An operation and maintenance plan should be instituted, as described in Section 7.

The above recommendations should be instituted within one year of the owner's receipt of this report.



  
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Project Manager  
Cahn Engineers, Inc.



  
William O. Doll, P.E.  
Chief Engineer  
Cahn Engineers, Inc.



This Phase I Inspection Report on Lake Watrous Dam has been reviewed by the undersigned Review Board members. In our opinion, the reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations are consistent with the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, and with good engineering judgment and practice, and is hereby submitted for approval.



CHARLES G. TIERSCH, Chairman  
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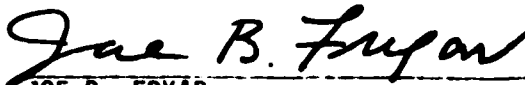


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## PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspection. Detailed investigation, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I Investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionarily in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the Spillway Test Flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. Because of the magnitude and rarity of such a storm event, a finding that a spillway will not pass the test flood should not be interpreted as necessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aid in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

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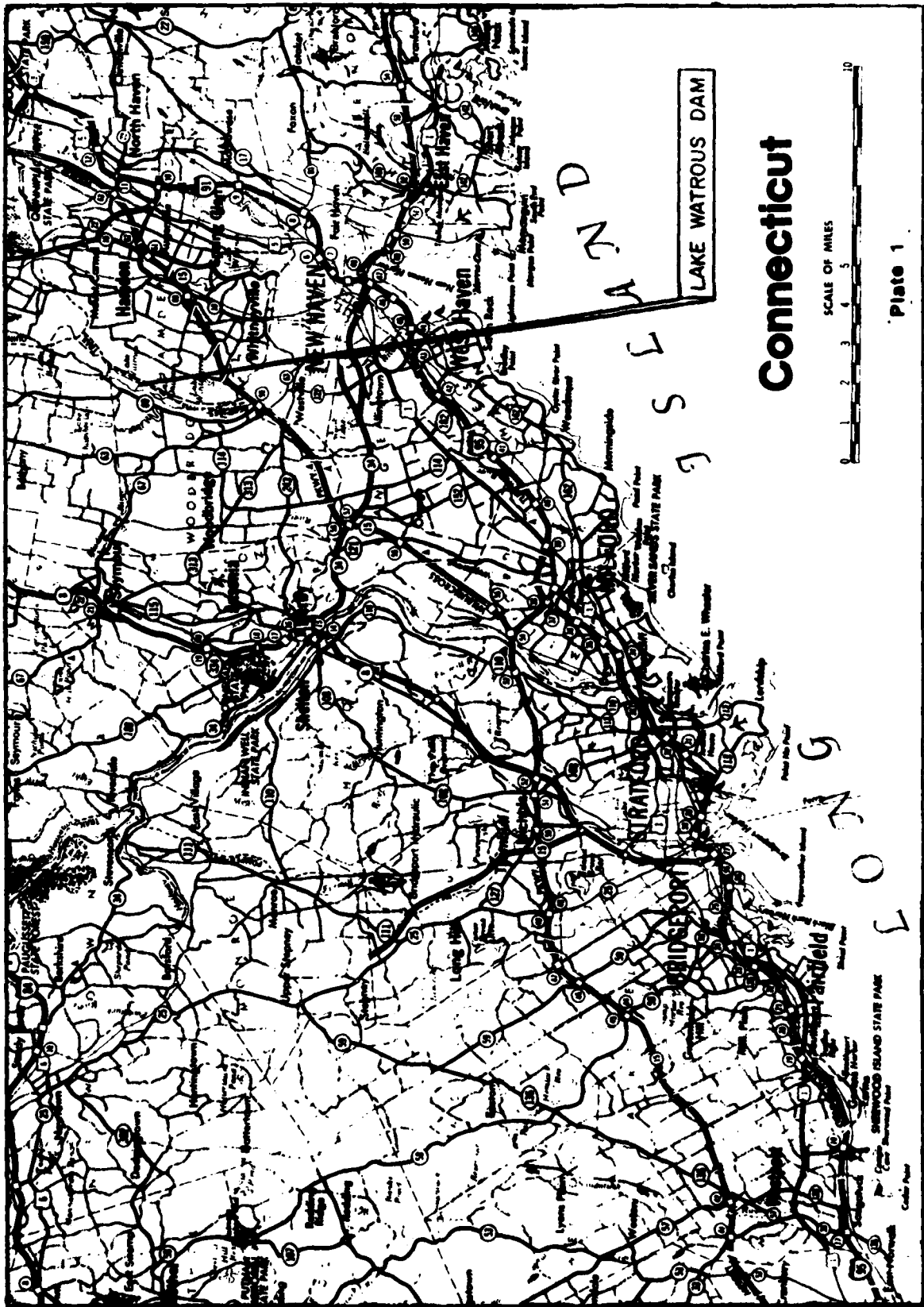
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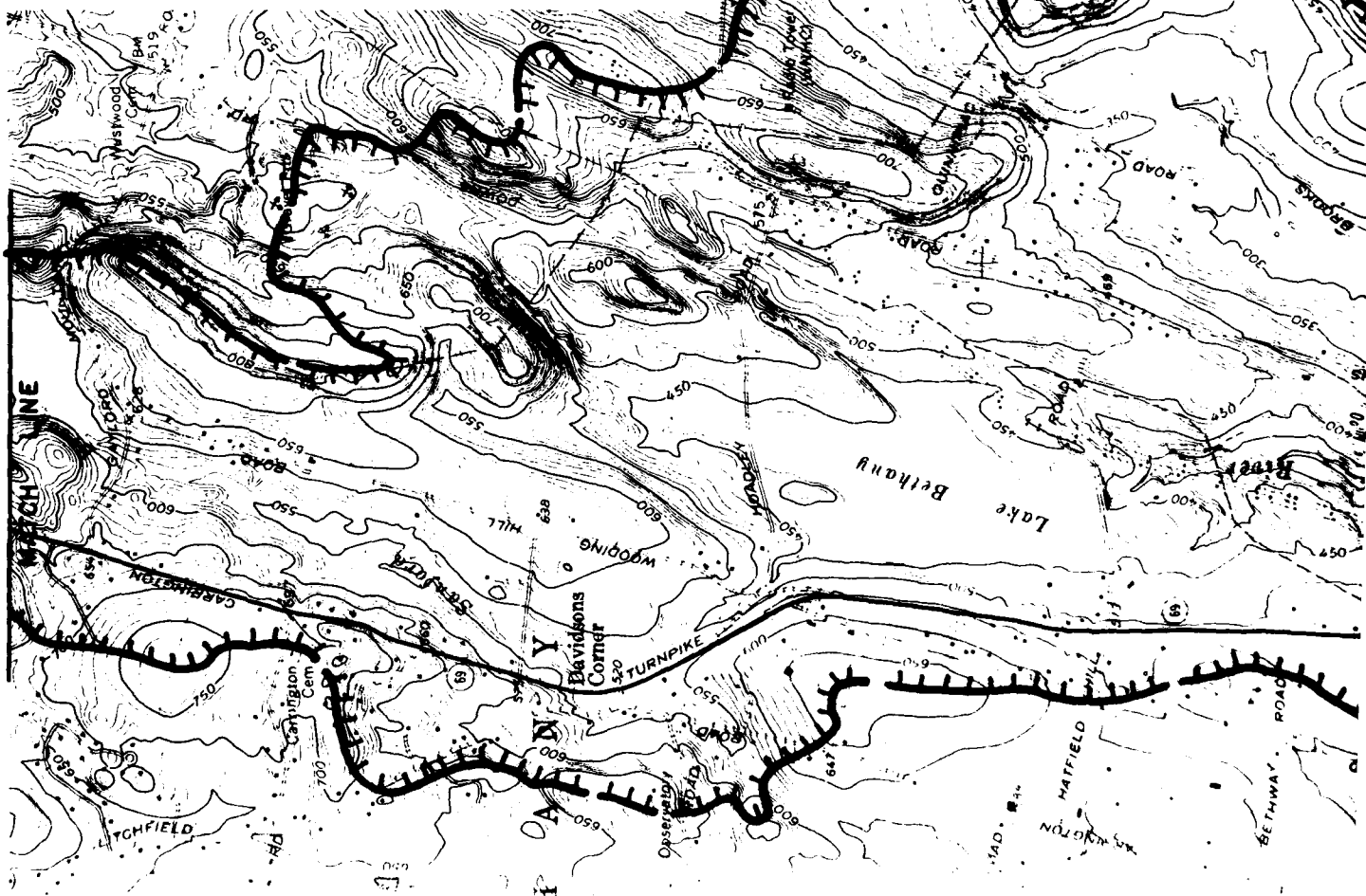
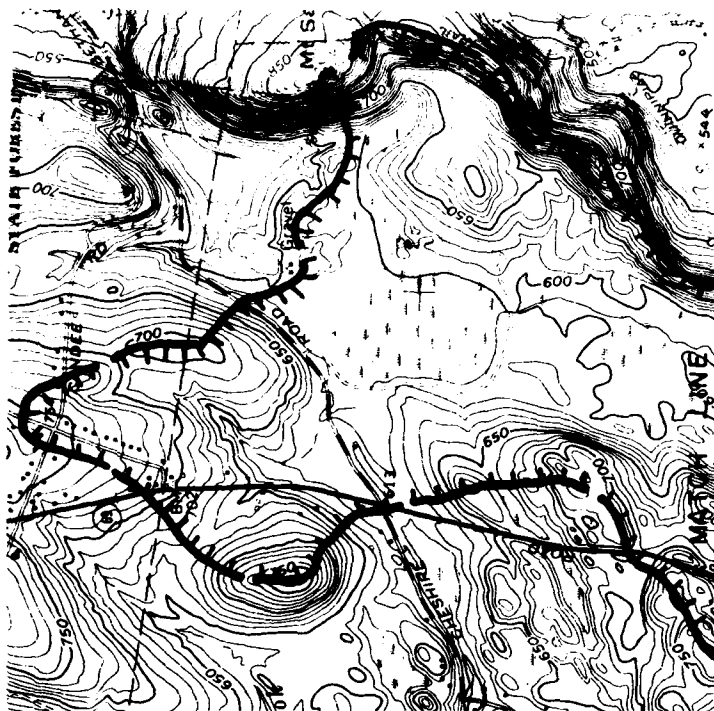
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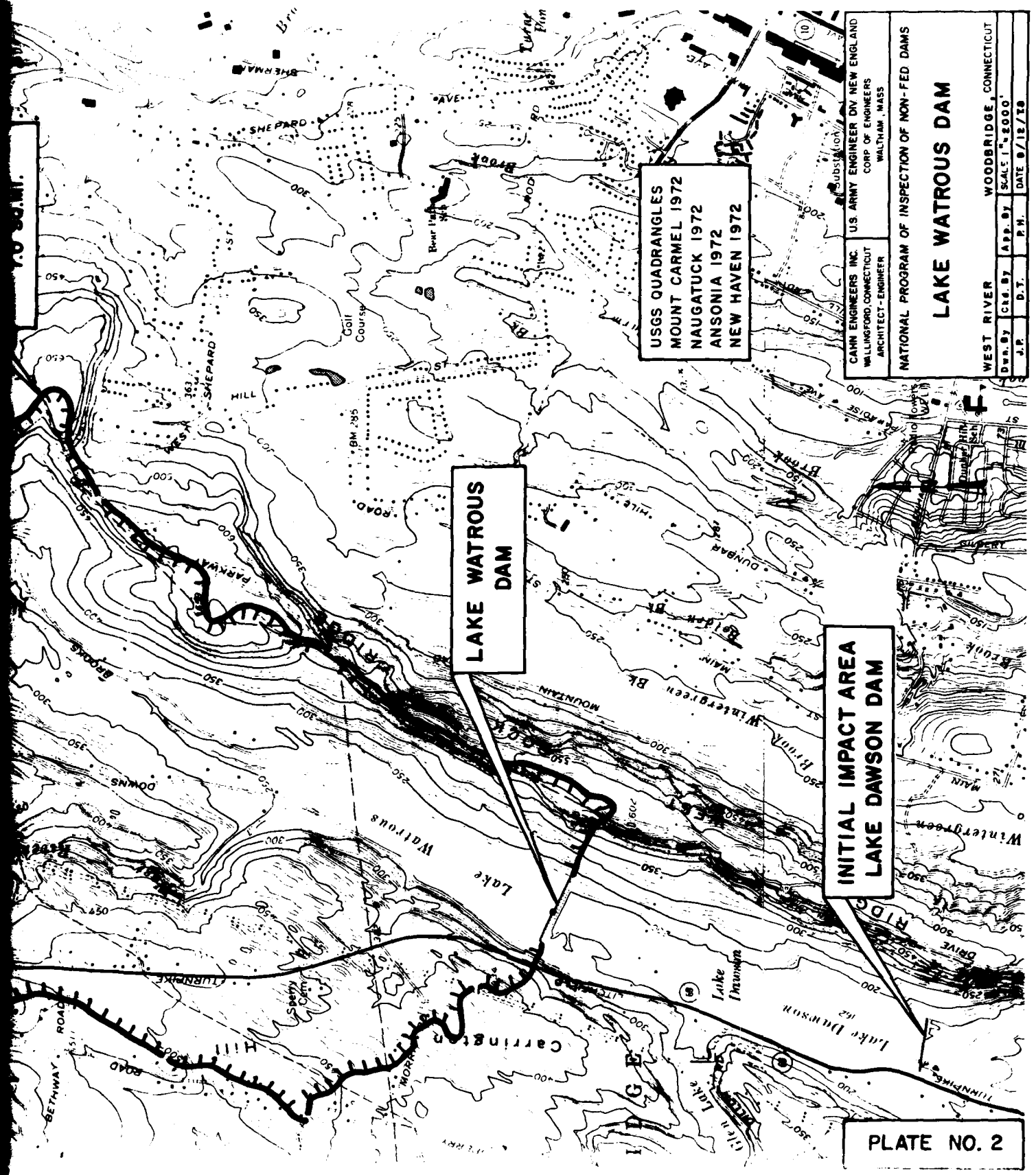


Plate 1

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## PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT

### LAKE WATROUS DAM

#### SECTION I

#### PROJECT INFORMATION

##### 1.1 General

a. Authority - Public Law 92-367, August 8, 1972, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a National Program of Dam Inspection throughout the United States. The New England Division of the Corps of Engineers has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams within the New England Region. Cahn Engineers, Inc. has been retained by the New England Division to inspect and report on selected dams in the southwestern portion of the State of Connecticut. Authorization and notice to proceed were issued to Cahn Engineers, Inc. under a letter of April 26, 1978 from Ralph T. Garver, Colonel, Corps of Engineers. Contract No. DACW33-78-C-0310 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work.

b. Purpose of Inspection Program - The purposes of the program are to:

- (1) Perform technical inspection and evaluation of non-federal dams to identify conditions requiring correction in a timely manner by non-federal interests.
- (2) Encourage and prepare the States to quickly initiate effective dam inspection programs for non-federal dams.
- (3) To update, verify and complete the National Inventory of Dams.

c. Scope of Inspection Program - The scope of this Phase I inspection report includes:

- (1) Gathering, reviewing and presenting available data as can be obtained from the owners, previous owners, the state and other associated parties.
- (2) A field inspection of the facility detailing the visual condition of the dam, embankments and appurtenant structures.

(3) Computation concerning the hydraulics and hydrology of the facility and its relationship to the calculated flood through the existing spillway.

(4) An assessment of the condition of the facility and corrective measures required.

It should be noted that this report does not pass judgement on the safety or stability of the dam other than on a visual basis. The inspection is to identify those features of the dam which need corrective action and/or further study.

## 1.2 Description of Project

a. Description of Dam and Appurtenances - The dam is a concrete gravity section approximately 1240 feet long with earthen embankments upstream and downstream. At the west end of the dam adjacent to the spillway, the concrete section narrows down and effectively becomes a concrete corewall for the earthen embankment surrounding it for a length of 70 feet. Maximum embankment slopes downstream are 3 horizontal to 1 vertical. The top of the concrete coping is at elevation 228, approximately 5 feet above the spillway crest at elevation 223, and approximately 51 feet above the streambed at elevation 177.

The spillway is a 70 foot wide concrete ogee section flowing to a spillway channel cut into rock at the right end of the dam. There are two 30 inch cast iron pipes through the dam. One, the low level outlet, is at elevation 178, and the other, the supply main is at elevation 183.

b. Location - The dam is located on West River, in a rural area of the Town of Woodbridge, County of New Haven, State of Connecticut. The dam is shown on the Mount Carmel U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Map having coordinates of longitude W 72° 58' 14" and latitude N 41° 23' 05".

c. Size Classification - INTERMEDIATE - The dam provides storage of 2780 acre feet with the water level at the top of the dam, elevation 228, which is 51 feet above the elevation of the old streambed.

d. Hazard Classification - HIGH (Category I) The dam is located upstream of Lake Dawson Dam, the Wilbur Cross Parkway, and 3 miles upstream of a residential area of Woodbridge.

e. Ownership - New Haven Water Company  
Sargent Drive  
New Haven, Connecticut 06506  
Mr. Joseph Jiskra  
Mr. Jack Reynolds  
Phone (203) 624-6711

f. Purpose of Dam - Public Water Supply

g. Design and Construction History - The dam was constructed for the New Haven Water Company by C.W. Blakeslee and Sons, Inc. during the period of 1912 to 1915, as engineered by Albert B. Hill, and to our knowledge, has not been modified in the interim period.

h. Normal Operational Procedures - The 30 inch supply main is open at all times and the 30 inch low level outlet is open once a year in the spring.

### 1.3 Pertinent Data

a. Drainage Area - 7.0 square miles. Rolling, wooded terrain.

b. Discharge at Dam Site - Maximum flood of record - Oct. 16, 1955. Water rose from 2.5 feet below spillway crest to 1.9 feet above spillway crest. Spillway capacity at test flood elevation - 2800 cubic feet per second.

c. Elevations - (Ft. above MSL, U.S.G.S. Datum)

Top Dam:	228.3
Spillway Crest:	223.3
Streambed @ Center Line of Dam:	177+
High Level Intake:	183
Low Level Intake:	179
Outlet Pipe:	178

d. Reservoir - Length of Normal Pool: 4000'  
Length of Test Flood Pool: 4000'+

e. Storage - At Elevation 223.3: 2230 acre ft.  
At Elevation 228.3: 2800 acre ft.  
(top of dam)

f. Reservoir Surface - At Elevation 223.3: 109 acres  
At Elevation 228.3: 109+ acres  
(top of dam)

g. Dam - Type: Concrete gravity section with upstream & downstream earthen embankments.

Length:	Dam:	1240 ft.
	Corewall:	70 ft.
Height:		51 ft.
Top Width:		10' Minimum-Dam 4' Maximum-Corewall
Sideslope:		4H to 1V upstream 3H to 1V downstream
Cutoff:		Founded on rock.

h. Diversion and Regulatory Tunnel - Not Applicable

i. Spillway - Type: Rounded ogee concrete weir

Length of Weir:	70 ft.
Crest Elevation:	223.3
Upstream Channel:	7H to 1V
Downstream Channel:	30' feet wide typical, natural rock formation.

j. Regulatory Outlets - High Level Intake: Size 30 inch diameter cast iron. Manually operated. At elevation 183. Used as supply main. Open at all times.

Low Level Intake: Size 30 inch diameter cast iron. Manually operated once a year in spring. At elevation 178. Operational.

## SECTION 2: ENGINEERING DATA

### 2.1 Design

a. Available Data - The available data consists of drawings, records, correspondence and calculations by the State of Connecticut Water Resources Commission, the New Haven Water Company, Joseph W. Cone, Malcolm Pirnie Engineers, and others. The majority of information available pertains to the hydraulic/hydrologic nature of the facility and is included in the Appendix Section B.

b. Design Features - The maps and drawings indicate the design features stated previously herein.

c. Design Data - There were no engineering values, assumptions, test results, or calculations available for the dam construction.

### 2.2 Construction

a. Available Data - "As-Built" drawings by Albert B. Hill were available and are included in the Appendix Section B. No other construction estimates or reports were available.

b. Construction Considerations - No information was available.

### 2.3 Operation

a. A representative of the New Haven Water Company stated that the supply main remains open at all times and the low level line is usually opened only once a year in the spring.

### 2.4 Evaluation

a. Availability - Existing data was provided by the State of Connecticut and the New Haven Water Company. The owner made operations available for visual inspection.

b. Adequacy - The existing data was inadequate to perform a detailed assessment, therefore, the final assessment of the investigation must be based primarily on visual inspection, performance history, and hydraulic/hydrologic assumptions.

c. Validity - A comparison of record data and results of the visual investigations reveals no observable significant discrepancies in the record data.

## SECTION 3: VISUAL INSPECTION

### 3.1 Findings

a. General - The dam is in good condition and requires only some minor maintenance.

b. Dam - The dam consists of a concrete gravity wall with an earth embankment downstream of the concrete wall. The earth embankment is in good condition showing no indication of deformations, sloughing or erosion with the exception of one location where minor sloughing was noted. No seeps were observed through the embankment slope, at the toe or downstream of the dam. The downstream slope of the embankment is covered with well-maintained grass. The drawings indicate a stone drain placed against the downstream face of the dam at the expansion joints connected to an horizontal drain under the downstream embankment. There was no visual evidence of an outlet for the horizontal drain. The upper end of the drain against the downstream face of the concrete wall does not reach the surface of the downstream embankment crest according to the drawings, and thus the presence of the drain could not be visually verified. Minor seepage was observed at horizontal construction joints and expansion joints at various locations in the downstream face of the dam.

c. Appurtenant Structures - The low level outlet structure has concrete walls which are in good condition. At the time of our inspection, a tree had fallen over the outlet structure.

### 3.2 Evaluation

The visual inspection was sufficient to determine that the condition of the dam and its appurtenant structures appears good with no visual evidence of any stability problem. Seepage observed at expansion joints and horizontal construction joints appeared to be minor resulting only in spalling of the concrete at the joints at the time of our inspection. It was observed that the metal railings, bridge, and protective guard railings are pitted and in need of paint.



## SECTION 4: OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

### 4.1 Regulating Procedure

The only regulating procedures employed consist of leaving the supply main open at all times to maintain the downstream water supply, and opening the low level outlet once a year, usually in the spring as a maintenance check.

### 4.2 Maintenance of Dam

The downstream slope of the earth embankment is covered with a well maintained grass cover. The metal railings, bridge and protective guard rails are pitted and in need of paint.

### 4.3 Maintenance and Operating Facilities

Maintenance of the facility is on an as needed basis as observed during visits to the dam by representatives of the owner. No formal procedures are known to exist.

### 4.4 Description of any Warning System In Effect

No formal warning system is in effect. Emergencies are reported to the New Haven Water Company office.

### 4.5 Evaluation

A program of formal operation and maintenance procedures, including thorough, complete documentation of all procedures, should be instituted. A formal warning system should be developed to warn the downstream population in case of emergency.

## SECTION 5: HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC

### 5.1 Evaluation of Features

a. Design Data - No computations could be found for the dam construction.

b. Experience Data - During the August and October 1955 floods, the maximum water over the spillway was on October 16, 1955, when the water level rose from 2.5 feet below the spillway to 1.9 feet above the spillway.

c. Visual Observations - On the date of our inspection, the spillway was clear and unobstructed. The spillway is wide and appears that it would not be blocked unless debris was retained by the bridge spanning the spillway.

d. Overtopping Potential - The test flood for this high hazard intermediate size dam is equivalent to the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) of 11,400 cubic feet per second (cfs).

Based upon our hydraulic computations, the spillway capacity is 2800 cfs (Appendix D-9). Based upon "Preliminary Guidance for Estimating Probable Discharges" dated March 1978, peak inflow to the reservoir is 12,600 cfs (Appendix D-8); peak outflow (Test Flood) is 11,400 cfs with the dam overtopped 1.7 feet (Appendix D-12).

e. Spillway Adequacy - The spillway will pass 25% of the Test Flood at the top of dam, elevation 228.

## SECTION 6: STRUCTURAL STABILITY

### 6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

a. Visual Observations - Visual observations do not indicate any apparent stability problem. The masonry dam shows no signs of instability and the earth embankment adjacent to the dam is undisturbed. Inspection of the concrete corewall at the right end of the dam does not indicate any erosion or deterioration.

b. Design and Construction Data - The design and construction reflected in the "As-Built" drawings indicate that the concrete wall foundation is at least 10 ft and as much as 50 ft into either phyllite or sandstone bedrock. The stability of the concrete wall and the downstream earth embankment cannot be formally evaluated with the available information. Such an evaluation depends, for example, on the character of the natural soil and bedrock in which the concrete wall is embedded and the backfilling procedure used against the downstream face of the concrete wall. The available data does not indicate that a seepage or stability analysis has ever been made. Therefore, the determination of dam stability must be based solely on visual inspections and the past performance record of the dam.

c. Operating Records - The dam was built in 1914, and to our knowledge, there have been no indications of instability since construction.

d. Post Construction Changes - There are no post-construction changes indicated in the available records.

e. Seismic Stability - This dam is in Seismic Zone 1 and hence does not have to be evaluated for seismic stability, according to the Recommended Guidelines.

## SECTION: 7 ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS, & REMEDIAL MEASURES

### 7.1 Dam Assessment

a. Condition - Based upon the visual inspection at the site and past performance, the dam is judged to be in good condition. No evidence of structural instability was observed in the concrete gravity section, the embankment corewall at the right end of the dam, or in the embankment itself. The embankment is generally in good condition with only one minor area of sloughing observed. There are some areas requiring attention, such as the amount of spillway capacity presently available, the lack of a formal warning system, and the possibility of spillway blockage due to debris at times of high water levels.

Based upon our hydraulics computations, the spillway capacity is 2800 cubic feet per second (cfs), which is equivalent to approximately 25 percent of the Test Flood. Based upon "Preliminary Guidance for Estimating Maximum Probable Discharges" dated March 1978, peak inflow to the reservoir is 12,600 cfs; peak outflow (Test Flood) is 11,400 cfs with the dam overtopped 1.7 feet.

Utilizing the April 1978 "Rule of Thumb Guidance for Estimating Downstream Dam Failure Hydrographs", the peak failure outflow from the dam would be 193,000 cfs. The average stage downstream at Lake Dawson would be 25 feet. Lake Dawson Dam would be overtopped by approximately 15 feet and would most likely breach. Even should Lake Dawson Dam not breach, the 15 foot overtopping would cause severe loss of life and damage to property downstream in residential Woodbridge.

b. Adequacy of Information - A review of the "As-Built" drawings of the structure indicated that the drawings, verified and supplemented as required (see Section 6.1.b), could be used for a detailed structural analysis of the dam should it become necessary. This evaluation of the dam has been based only on the visual inspection and the "As-Built" drawings.

c. Urgency - The actions presented in Sections 7.2 and 7.3 should be implemented within the time frames indicated in each section.

d. Need for Additional Information - There is a need for additional information as noted in Section 7.2.

## 7.2 Recommendations

The following recommendation should be instituted within one year of the owner's receipt of this Phase I Inspection Report.

1. Based upon the rough computation in Appendix D, the dam spillway capacity will be exceeded by the test flood. More sophisticated flood routing should be undertaken by hydrologists/hydraulics engineers to refine the test flood figures. A study should be undertaken and recommendations made to increase the spillway capacity to an acceptable level based upon the refined test flood figures.

## 7.3 Remedial Measures

a. Alternatives - This study has identified no practical alternatives to the above recommendations.

b. Operation and Maintenance Procedures - The following measures should be undertaken within one year of the owner's receipt of this report, and continued on a regular basis where applicable.

1. Expansion joints, and any horizontal construction joints which are presently leaking, should be cleaned out, spalled concrete repaired, and the joints caulked. At present, seepage at horizontal construction joints appears to be minor, but if not repaired, concrete deterioration will progress and seepage will increase.
2. Fallen trees and any other debris should be removed from the low level outlet structure. Any trees in the area which might possibly block the outlet structure in the future should also be removed.
3. Areas of minor sloughing on the downstream slope face should be observed periodically to ascertain that no further sloughing is occurring. Should the problem become worse, areas of the slope subject to the sloughing should be repaired with angular stone to increase slope stability.

4. Metal railings, protective guard rails, and the bridge structure spanning the spillway are pitted and should be painted.
5. During the course of this study, it was brought to our attention that the New Haven Water Company instituted a yearly program for inspection of all their dams, including Lake Watrous Dam, by a consultant competent in the field of dam inspection. This program, in effect for two years, is commendable and should be continued in the future.
6. A formal program of operation and maintenance procedures should be instituted, and fully documented to provide accurate records for future reference.
7. Round-the-clock surveillance should be provided by the owner during periods of unusually heavy precipitation. The owner should develop a formal warning system with local officials for alerting downstream residents in case of emergency.
8. As the bottom of the bridge spanning the spillway is at the same elevation as the top of the dam, consideration should be given to raising the bridge and/or providing a log boom to prevent the blockage of the spillway due to floating debris at times of high water levels.

**APPENDIX**  
**SECTION A: VISUAL OBSERVATIONS**

**VISUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST**  
**PARTY ORGANIZATION**

**PROJECT** Lake Watrous **DATE:** June 1, 1978

**TIME:**                     

**WEATHER:** Clear, Sunny

**W.S. ELEV.** 220 **U.S.** 211 **DN.S**

<u><b>PARTY:</b></u>	<u><b>INITIALS:</b></u>	<u><b>DISCIPLINE:</b></u>
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5. <u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
6. <u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

<u><b>PROJECT FEATURE</b></u>	<u><b>INSPECTED BY</b></u>	<u><b>REMARKS</b></u>
1. <u>Concrete and Earth Dam Embankment</u>	<u>GC</u>	
<u>Spillway-Approach, Channel, Weir,</u>		
2. <u>Discharge Channel</u>	<u>GC/MH</u>	
<u>Outlet Works-Inlet Channel and</u>		
3. <u>Inlet Structure</u>	<u>GC</u>	
<u>Outlet Works-Outlet Channel and</u>		
4. <u>Outlet Structure</u>	<u>GC/MH</u>	
5. <u>Concrete Dam Embankment</u>	<u>MH</u>	
<u>Outlet Works-Control Tower,</u>		
6. <u>Operating House, Gate Shafts</u>	<u>MH</u>	
7. <u>Reservoir</u>	<u>DT</u>	
8. <u>Operation and Maintenance</u>	<u>DT</u>	
9. <u>Safety and Performance Instrumentation</u>	<u>DT</u>	
10. <u>                    </u>		
11. <u>                    </u>		
12. <u>                    </u>		



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PROJECT FEATURE Concrete and Earth Dam Embankment

AREA EVALUATED	BY	CONDITION
<u>Concrete Structure</u>		
Crest Elevation		
Current Pool Elevation		
Maximum Impoundment to Date		
General Condition of Concrete Surfaces		
Condition of Joints	MH	Vertical joints at monoliths-spalling, some seepage.
Spalling		Horizontal construction joints-spalling, staining, efflorescence.
Visible Reinforcing		
Rusting or Staining of Concrete	MH	Yes.
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	MH	Yes, some.
Joint Alignment	MH	Good.
Cracking		
Rusting or Corrosion of Steel	MH	None observed.
Erosion or Cavitation	MH	None observed.
Alignment of Monoliths	MH	Good.
Numbering of Monoliths		
Differential Settlement	GC	None observed.
Condition of Structure Foundation		
Structure Additions		
Differential Settlement		

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PROJECT FEATURE Concrete and Earth Dam Embankment

AREA EVALUATED	BY	CONDITION
<u>Earth Fill</u>		(Earth fill downstream of concrete structure as per drawings)
Surface Cracks	GC	None observed.
Lateral Movement	GC	None observed.
Vertical Alignment	GC	No misalignment apparent.
Horizontal Alignment	GC	No misalignment apparent.
Condition at Abutment and at Concrete Structures	GC	Good.
Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes	GC	None observed.
Trespassing on Slopes	GC	None apparent.
Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments	GC	Minor sloughing observed at one location.
Rock Slope Protection-Riprap Failures		No riprap, upstream face is concrete.
Unusual Movement or Cracking at or near Toes	GC	None observed.
Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage	GC	None observed.
Piping or Boils	GC	None observed.
Foundation Drainage Features	GC	None according to drawings.
Toe Drains	GC	Chimney drain behind construction joints and horizontal drain at stream bed. Outlet could not be located.
Instrumentation System		
Condition at Joint in Concrete Section		

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PROJECT FEATURE Spillway-Approach, Channel, Weir, Discharge Channel

AREA EVALUATED	BY	CONDITION
a. <u>Approach Channel</u>	GC	Not observed, reservoir full
General Condition		
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel		
Trees Overhanging Channel		
Floor of Approach Channel		
b. <u>Weir and Training or Sidewalls</u>		
General Condition of Concrete	MH	Very good.
Rust or Staining	MH	None.
Spalling	MH	None.
Any Visible Reinforcing	MH	None
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	MH	None.
Drain Holes		
c. <u>Discharge Channel</u>		
General Condition	GC/ MH	Good.
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel	GC	None of any significance observed.
Trees Overhanging Channel	GC	None observed.
Floor of Channel	GC	Bedrock covered with loose boulders within a few hundred feet of spillway, gravelly bottom further, D.S.
Other Obstructions	GC	None observed.

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PROJECT FEATURE Outlet Works-Inlet Channel & Inlet Structure

AREA EVALUATED	BY	CONDITION
<p>a. <u>Approach Channel</u></p> <p>Slope Conditions</p> <p>Bottom Conditions</p> <p>Rock Slides or Falls</p> <p>Log Boom</p> <p>Debris</p> <p>Condition of Concrete Lining</p> <p>Drains or Weep Holes</p>	GC	Not observed, reservoir full.
<p>b. <u>Intake Structure</u></p> <p>Condition of Concrete</p> <p>Stop Logs and Slots</p>		

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PROJECT FEATURE Outlet Works-Outlet Structure and Outlet Channel \*

AREA EVALUATED	BY	CONDITION
General Condition of Concrete	MH	Good.
Rust or Staining		
Spalling		
Erosion or Cavitation		
Visible Reinforcing	MH	None.
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	MH	None.
Condition at Joints		
Drain Holes	GC	None observed.
Channel	GC	Stone walls in good condition.
Loose Rock or Trees Overhanging Channel	GC	Loose trees in discharge channel at outlet and at intersection with spill-way channel.
Condition of Discharge Channel	GC	Good.
*Only blowoff outlet discharges into outlet channel and West River.		

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PROJECT FEATURE Outlet Works-Control Tower, Operating House, Gate Shafts

AREA EVALUATED	BY	CONDITION
<b>a. <u>Concrete and Structural</u></b>		
General Condition	MH	Good.
Condition of Joints	MH	Good.
Spalling	MH	None.
Visible Reinforcing	MH	None.
Rusting or Staining of Concrete	MH	None.
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	MH	None.
Joint Alignment		
Unusual Seepage or Leaks in Gate Chamber		
Cracks	MH	None.
Rusting or Corrosion of Steel	MH	None.
<b>b. <u>Mechanical and Electrical</u></b>		
Air Vents		
Float Wells		
Crane Hoist		
Elevator		
Hydraulic System		
Service Gates		
Emergency Gates		
Lighting Protection System		
Emergency Power System		

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PROJECT FEATURE Reservior

AREA EVALUATED	BY	CONDITION
Shoreline	DT	A road follows the shoreline around the reservoir.
Sedimentation	DT	No problem observed.
Potential Upstream Hazard Areas	DT	None.
Watershed Alteration-Runoff Potential	DT	None.

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PROJECT FEATURE Operations and Maintenance

AREA EVALUATED	BY	CONDITION
a. <u>Reservoir Regulation Plan</u>		
Normal Conditions	DT	Supply main open constantly; Blowoff open once a year in the spring.
Emergency Plans	DT	No other methods to release water.
Warning System	DT	Call New Haven Water Company Office.
b. <u>Maintenance (Type) (Regularity)</u>		
Dam	DT	As needed.
Spillway	DT	As needed.
Outlet Works	DT	As needed.



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PROJECT FEATURE Safety and Performance Instrumentation

AREA EVALUATED	BY	CONDITION
Headwater and Tailwater Gages	DT	Headwater gage at spillway.
Horizontal and Vertical Alignment Instrumentation (Concrete Structures)	DT	None.
Horizontal and Vertical Movement, Consolidation, and Pore-Water Pressure Instrumentation (Embankment Structures)	DT	None.
Uplift Instrumentation	DT	None.
Drainage System Instrumentation	DT	None.
Seismic Instrumentation	DT	None.

**APPENDIX**  
**SECTION B: EXISTING DATA**

SPECIAL NOTE

SECTION B

AVAILABILITY OF DATA

The correspondence listed in the summary of Contents and the plans listed in the Table of Contents, Appendix Section B, are included in the master copy of this report, which is on file at the office of the Army Corps of Engineers, New England Division, in Waltham, Massachusetts.

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<sup>1</sup>Obtained from State of Connecticut Water Resources Commission

<sup>2</sup>Obtained from New Haven Water Company

<sup>3</sup>Hydraulic/Hydrologic Data and Spillway Sections contained in Joseph W. Cone's report, which are on file and available at the New Haven Water Co. office were not included due to poor reproduction quality.

1965  
REPORT  
CONCERNING DAMS  
Owned by  
NEW HAVEN WATER CO.  
BETHANY  
WATROUS  
CHAMBERLAIN  
GLEN  
DAWSON  
on the  
WEST & SARGENT RIVERS

J. W. Cone P.E.  
June 1965

# I N D E X

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NOTE: Maps, graphs, etc., are in separate folder.

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TELEPHONE  
TOWNSEND 9-2152

June 26, 1965

Mr. William P. Sander  
Water Resources Commission  
State Office Building  
Hartford 15, Conn.

Re: Dams #35 - 1 to 5  
New Haven Water Co.

Dear Mr. Sander:

First, I apologize for not completing this assignment more promptly; reasons being that a low quality virus for over a month left me with no pep mentally or physically, and delays in obtaining certain plans and information.

The assignment was- "we would like to know the present condition of these dams" - Bethany - Watrous - Dawson on West River and Chamberlain - Glen on Sargent River, a tributary to West River above Dawson Dam.

In my opinion, the "condition" of these dams is good as regards masonry of the three masonry gravity dams and the upkeep of two earth embankment dams.

But as regard to whether or not the dams are safe, particularly as regard spillway capacity, my opinion is as follows:

35-1 Bethany Spillway is inadequate. However a thin sheet over a length of 990' will do comparatively little damage except to highway. The gravity section is safe.



35-2 Watrous Generally same remarks as for Bethany.

35-3 Chamberlain Spillway is adequate in every respect as is the dam. It is reassuring to find a spillway that will carry 1525 cfs per sq. mi. on 4.1 sq. mi. Note Items #26 & 28 on Data Sheet.

35-4 Glen Spillway is nowhere near adequate. In fact, Oct. '55 flood nearly overtopped earth section at left or east abutment. Section of dam is safe.

Right abutment should be raised to protect highway.

Left abutment should be investigated:-

- (a) To determine whether or not there is a core wall.
- (b) Possibility of emergency spillway or fuse plug.
- (c) Note Items #26 & 28 on Data Sheet.

35-5 Dawson Present spillway is entirely inadequate to carry probable floods of the present and future. In fact, the dam would have been overtopped if certain saving factors had not been present in Oct. 1955.

- (a) Not an excessive rainfall, only about R of 50 yr. (Compare with precipitation graphs)
- (b) Several of reservoirs were below FL (See data notes by Navaro which you have)

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- (c) Flood Q '55 at Dawson of about 2100 cfs has an R value 3.8 ( $2100 \div 560$ ) equivalent to 120 yr on old Conn. curve and 55 yr on revised 1965 curve. (See graph PL 13)

Items #26 & 28 on Data Sheet are particularly illuminating.

It does not need a lively imagination to visualize what would happen to Westville and New Haven if Dawson should be overtopped; Norwich failure would be peanuts comparatively.

A brief discussion of pertinent data and situations follows. Also there are prints of sections of dams, precipitation graphs and various other graphs that I used or are pertinent to this investigation for general information or checking purposes.

Please excuse the informality and crudeness of the matter submitted, the objective being to reduce costs to the minimum.

I would observe that Mr. Navaro, Mr. Ferris and Mr. Reynolds of the New Haven Water Co. were most cooperative as was Mr. Thomas of the U.S. Geological Survey.

My recommendation is that the New Haven Water Co. be advised that their consulting engineers should investigate the entire system, with particular emphasis on

Mr. William P. Sander

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conditions at Glen and Dawson, and submit corrective measures.

Yours very truly,

JWC/dr

*J. W. Cone*  
J. W. Cone

Enc: Part II  
Photos (11)

## WATERSHED

Characteristics Area is very rugged, steep side slopes and steep channels. Channel slopes (S in Conn Formula) are West River 70 and Sargent River 88 feet per mile. Elevations on topo sheet point up steepness of side slopes as much as 400' in 0.25 mile.

Area is rural, cover, mostly wooded at present. However within a few decades there will be more intensive land use. There is evidence of this growth in the Cheshire and other areas. At present in spite of rugged terrain, the shed may be considered "medium to fast" due to cover; by about 2000 AD it will become "fast" and in the future could be "very fast".

Area As scaled from 1:24,000 topo sheets area is 13.35 sq. mi. By data in Water Co's. operation office area is 13.0 sq. mi. Mr. Novaro in his report to Mr. Corbin, April 29, 1963, states area is 13.9 sq. mi.; this I do not understand.

	Water Co.	1:24000
Bethany	3.4	3.7
Watrous	3.2	3.3
Chamberlain	3.9	4.1
Glen	1.7	1.6
Dawson	<u>.8</u>	<u>.65</u>
	13.0	13.35

The Company owns about 8 sq. mi. of the 13.35 sq. mi. However as taxes and population pressures increase, as the area becomes more polluted due to

development of areas owned by others, it is reasonable to assume that the Company will sell at least 5 sq. mi. and construct a filtration plant. These considerations explain the predicted increase in mean annual flood of about 40% above present by 2000 AD. (560-795 and C<sub>B</sub> 0.85-1.2)

The following quote, from an intensive study by Metcalf and Eddy on Storm Water Control in Westchester County in 1945, is pertinent to this discussion.

"Residential development of the area has resulted in peak run-off rates almost twice those of twenty-five or thirty years ago, and if development continues at the same rate for the next twenty-five years, the run-off factor will become  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times that of conditions a half century ago". It would seem that the increase of 40% is not fantastic.

#### PRECIPITATION

Data plates 4 to 9 inclusive were studied and are included to determine whether or not the Oct. 1955 storm in the New Haven area was of very rare occurrence.

Since the rain gage at Dawson is not recording, graph PL 5 was produced assuming that storm characteristics would be very similar to New Haven Airport which has a recording gage. Similarly the Westfield, Mass. graph was based on Norfolk, Conn.

Using 24 hr values and PL 9 the following recurrence values were determined.

	24 hr in.	Chance ★	R
Base	9.5	1.0	100
Dawson	5.85	2.0	50
Norfolk	11.2	0.6	175
Westfield	18.2	0.2	500
Max possible	27.7	0.1	1000

In connection with this subject on Oct. 9, 1877 there was 9.7" in 10.5 hrs. at White Plains, Westchester County, N.Y.

My conclusion is that precipitation in the New Haven area cannot be termed extraordinary. In the Stamford-Norwalk area R values were about 200 yr and in Greenwich about 75.

If precipitation was not excessive then peak flood flow could not be excessive and should have an R value of less than 100.

I realize full well that some may say that I have no right to assign maximum possible to 1000 yrs. My answer is what possible value can the maximum possible values have unless an occurrence value is stated; if no value then data is worthless. Enquiry has been made to many who should be better versed in this matter than I. No one would stick his neck out. I am not afraid to and have; at least a value of 1000 is on the safe side.

My purpose in this discussion is to point out the fact that if either the Norfolk or Westfield precipitations had occurred on this shed in Oct. '55 the resulting disaster would have been appalling.

#### FLOOD FLOW 1955

Oct. 1955 To determine flood flow at Dawson it is necessary to know H at peak. To check, if H at peak were known for Glen and Watrous, then flow to Dawson could be estimated reasonably close by adding an allowance for the small watershed of Dawson itself.

In this connection I suggest that values shown on Lake Level forms (those were mailed you recently) should not be used since measurements were taken between 8-9 A.M.

The peak of the Oct. flood in Greenwich was about 1 A.M. Allowing for forward speed of storm then peak at Dawson would be between 2-3 A.M. particularly since watershed is "quick". The time lag of about 6 hours would certainly lower H peaks. I therefore, based on conversations and data furnished, assumed certain H values and computed Q, as shown in the following table:

	H	Q
Glen	3.5	880 cfs
Watrous	3.0	1160
Dawson shed est		<u>160</u>
		2200 " to check
Dawson	4	2050 "

Assuming 2050 correct than R values are:

$$R = \frac{Q}{MAF} = \frac{2050}{560} = 3.7 \pm$$

Refer to PL 13

By old Conn Curve	3.7	R 110 yrs
" new "	3.7	50 "

This agrees reasonably well with precipitation value of 50.

Conclusion is that flow of Oct. 1955 at Dawson may be considered a minor flood that would have been somewhat greater had not several of the reservoirs been below FL. for a total of 215 m.g. as computed by Mr. Novaro.

$$Q_M = 9 A^{2/3} \text{ vs Conn Formula}$$

This formula and graph (PL 12 A & B) has been used for several years with satisfaction. It checks well with the rational method and is much simpler to use. Although designed for small watersheds, up to about two square miles, it fills the gap with considerable reliability up to about ten miles, the approximate reliable lower limit of the Conn Formula, Geological Survey Circular #365.

$$A = 13.35 \text{ sq. mi.} = 8500 \text{ Ac}$$

8500	3.92942
	$3 \sqrt{7.85884}$
	<u>2.61961</u>
9	<u>0.95424</u>
3748	3.57385

$$Q_M = 3750 \text{ cfs}$$



$$Q_D = RF \times LF \times FF \times Q_M$$

From PL 12 A factors for  $R = 500$ , present conditions  
 and 2000 AD Present  $Q = 1 \times 0.4 \times 4.35 \times 3750 = 6500$   
 $2000 \text{ AD } 1 \times 0.6 \times 4.35 \times 3750 = 9730 \frac{0.6}{0.4} = 1.50$

$$Q = RC_B AS$$

By PL #2  $C_B AS = 560$ -present and 795-2000 AD

By PL 13  $R \text{ for } 500 = 11$

$$Q_{500 \text{ Present}} = 11 \times 560 = 6160$$

$$" \quad 2000 \text{ AD} = 11 \times 795 = 8745$$

Note that results are remarkably close, perhaps by coincidence.

	$9 A^{2/3}$	$C_B$	Conn	$C_B$	
Present	6500	0.4	6160	0.85	150%
2000 AD	9730	0.6	8745	1.2	140%

Had basin coefficients ( $C_B$ ) been selected to obtain the same percent increase in the land use factor, results for 2000 AD would have been 9730 vs 9240.

In any case  $Q = 9 A^{2/3}$  provides a reliable check on Conn. Formula, up to about 10 sq. mi., and fills the no-man's gap.

# SPILLWAY CAPACITY

cfs. & sq. ft. per sq. mi.

Dam	Type	$\frac{Q}{\text{sq.mi.}}$	cfs	sq.ft.
(1) Bethany	Gravity	$\frac{1980}{3.7}$	540	80
(2) Watrous	"	$\frac{2660}{7}$	380	50 acc
(3) Chamberlain	Earth	$\frac{6300}{4.1}$	1525	120
(4) Glen	Gravity	$\frac{1120}{5.7}$	195	28 acc
(5) Dawson	Earth	$\frac{2870}{13.35}$	215	30 acc

The units shown in this table, for a watershed with nearly the same characteristics throughout, demonstrate the inconsistency in capacity. It is true that an earth dam should have a greater factor of safety than a gravity masonry dam. This data emphasizes the need for corrective measures particularly at Glen and Dawson.

## MAF

### Check by Comparison

	Est.	Sq. Mi.	Present MAF per/S.M.	
Willow Brook-Cheshire	1960	9.02	280	31
Wepawaug River-Milford	1962	$\frac{18.00}{/27.00}$	$\frac{690}{/970}$	38
		13.5	485	
Dawson computed PL.2		13.35	560	42
Sargent	" "	5.7	425	75

WILLOW BROOK. Rolling terrain, nowhere near as rugged as West River. On other hand land use is more dense. MAF per sq. mi. should be much less than West River.

WEPAWAUG RIVER. Same remarks as above.

SARGENT RIVER. Very steep. S is 88' per mi.

Note that Willow Brook and Wepawaug River stations have only short term records. The usual experience is that the longer the record period the higher are MAF values. CONCLUSION is that West River MAF of 560 for present land use conditions is not too high and more likely is too low.

(1) BETHANY

BRIDGE. Rough field measurements were taken believing that the bridge would be a bottleneck rather than the spillway. Sketch plan is shown. Later construction plans were available.

Assuming depth of flow in channel as 3' -

$$A = 24.5 \times 3 = 73.5$$

$$P = 24.5 + 6 = 30.5$$

$$r = 73.5 \div 30.5 = 2.4 \quad r^{2/3} = 1.8$$

$$S = .034 \quad S^{1/2} = 0.18$$

Assuming  $n = .0148$

$$V = 100 \quad r^{2/3} \quad S^{1/2}$$

$$= 100 \times 1.8 \times 0.18 = 32 \text{ sf.}$$

$$Q = 73.5 \times 32 = 2350 \pm \text{ cfs.}$$

SPILLWAY. Rough plan shows total length of spillway as  $19' + 61' = 80'$ . But account of turbulence assume effective  $L = 75'$ ,  $H_{max} = 4'$ ,  $C = 3.3$ .

$$Q = 3.3 \times 75 \times 8 = 1980 \text{ cfs.}$$

This  $Q$  probably maximum due to backup from bridge and turbulence at channel entrance.

From the above it is shown that the spillway rather than the bridge is the limiting factor to carry estimated  $Q$  values - Items 14 & 15 on Data Sheet. It is concluded that the dam will be overtopped in the future, with an  $H$  value of about 1.

$$Q = 2 \times 990 \times 1^{3/2} = 2080 \text{ cfs}$$

This with spillway on  $H = 5\frac{1}{2}'$  will pass over 4000 cfs.

DAM. The gravity section of cement rubble masonry with reinforced concrete back 4' thick is in good condition.

## (2) WATROUS

SPILLWAY. The capacity of this 70' spillway with  $H = 5'$  is 2660 cfs., as shown by Item 12 on Data Sheet. This capacity will barely take flood flow from its individual watershed below Bethany under present land use, see Items 14 & 15. In addition there is the added flow from Bethany. Total watershed is 7 sq. mi.

Bethany	3.7
Watrous	<u>3.3</u>
	7.0

DAM. The gravity concrete section is in good condition and is backed up with earth nearly to top of dam.

The dam will be overtopped in the future. Note Data Items #26 & 28.

### (3) CHAMBERLAIN

A study of items on the Data Sheet and examination of sketch plan indicate that this earth dam is adequate in every respect. No further comment is required.

### (4) GLEN

SPILLWAY. The 40' x 4' spillway has a capacity of about 1120 cfs. The entire watershed including Chamberlain is 5.7 sq. mi. Note Data Items #26 & 28.

Chamberlain	4.1
Glen	1.6
	<hr/>
	5.7

The dam was nearly over-topped during the October 1955 flood.

ABUTMENTS. A highway is close to the right or west end of spillway. Upstream training wall in particular should be raised and extended.

At the left or east end of the dam there is an area that is lower than crest of dam. This is indicated under the arrow on the photo of the east bank. As determined by hand level, the area is about six inches below dam crest.

There seems to be no record of a core wall in the area or location of ledge surface. If no wall and ledge rock is low, then there will be end scour sometime in the future that would put an extra burden on Dawson. This condition should be investigated.

FUSE-PLUG. The area appears to be favorable for the needed extra spillway capacity, permanent construction, or fuse-plug type.

DAM. The gravity concrete section is in good condition and in my opinion will not fail.

(5) DAWSON

SPILLWAY. An examination of Data Sheet items and study of plans indicate that the Dawson spillway is entirely inadequate. The Q of 2870 with H of 5' is approximate. The combination of a low broad crested humped weir and spillway characteristics present a complicated hydraulic problem not worthwhile to investigate thoroughly for the purpose of this report.

The spillway and right training wall are shown on photo enclosed. Note that the low portion of the training wall was nearly overtopped in Oct. '55.

Height of water at spillway was 3' below dam crest. There must have been considerable velocity head. Therefore if the weir formula is used H should be about 4'.

SEEPAGE. In the area near trees as shown on enclosed photo there is seepage with "guesstimated" flow of about 9 gals per min. Another seepage flow is farther to the west and at a lower elevation near a small cedar with an estimated flow of about 3 gals per min. Both areas should be watched closely.

It would be worthwhile to install a simple arrangement whereby flow can be determined by stop watch timing to fill a container; this to determine whether or not there is a relation between reservoir level and flow.

I have been informed by Mr. Ferris that most of the trees shown in photo have been removed. Trees were not on the embankment proper but were close enough to present the possibility of root-boil trouble.

EMBANKMENT COVER. The easterly portion of the dam, about one half, had been grazed by sheep. This is an inexpensive method of controlling grass on a 1 on 2 slope. On the other hand sheep are close croppers and tend to destroy root structure, a condition evident at the time. If the dam should be overtopped by a few inches I would anticipate that the sheep cropped area would gully seriously.

Further, particularly during dry weather, grass cover should be kept high to provide shade to hold moisture as much as is possible on the steep 1 on 2 slope, where water-table is low, and to prevent baking all of which weakens root structure.

CONCLUSION. It is my opinion that the situation at Dawson is very serious. If a bad breach should occur the refuge in "An Act of God" would not prevail. In Oct. 1955 if all reservoirs had been full, if twenty-four hour precipitation had been a little more, then it is my opinion that Dawson would have been overtopped.

As stated hereinbefore a comprehensive study of this situation should be begun immediately and proposed corrective measures presented as soon as possible.

#### GENERAL

It is my understanding that my assignment was not to undertake a complete analysis of all aspects involved, but only to investigate sufficiently to determine if there are situations that should be studied by the Company's consulting engineers. I therefore did not undertake the following:

1. Stability analysis of gravity masonry dams. Casual study of plans indicates they are safe; this based on experience.
2. A design flood based on an assumed precipitation was not routed through the several watersheds and reservoirs, considering storage capacity above FL etc. This would have been a tedious study and funds were not available in my contract.
3. In computing the several Q values no credit was given to storage above FL, rather this was considered as an extra factor of safety, to be on the safe side.

Graphs, plans, etc., are bound separately for ease in following the text.

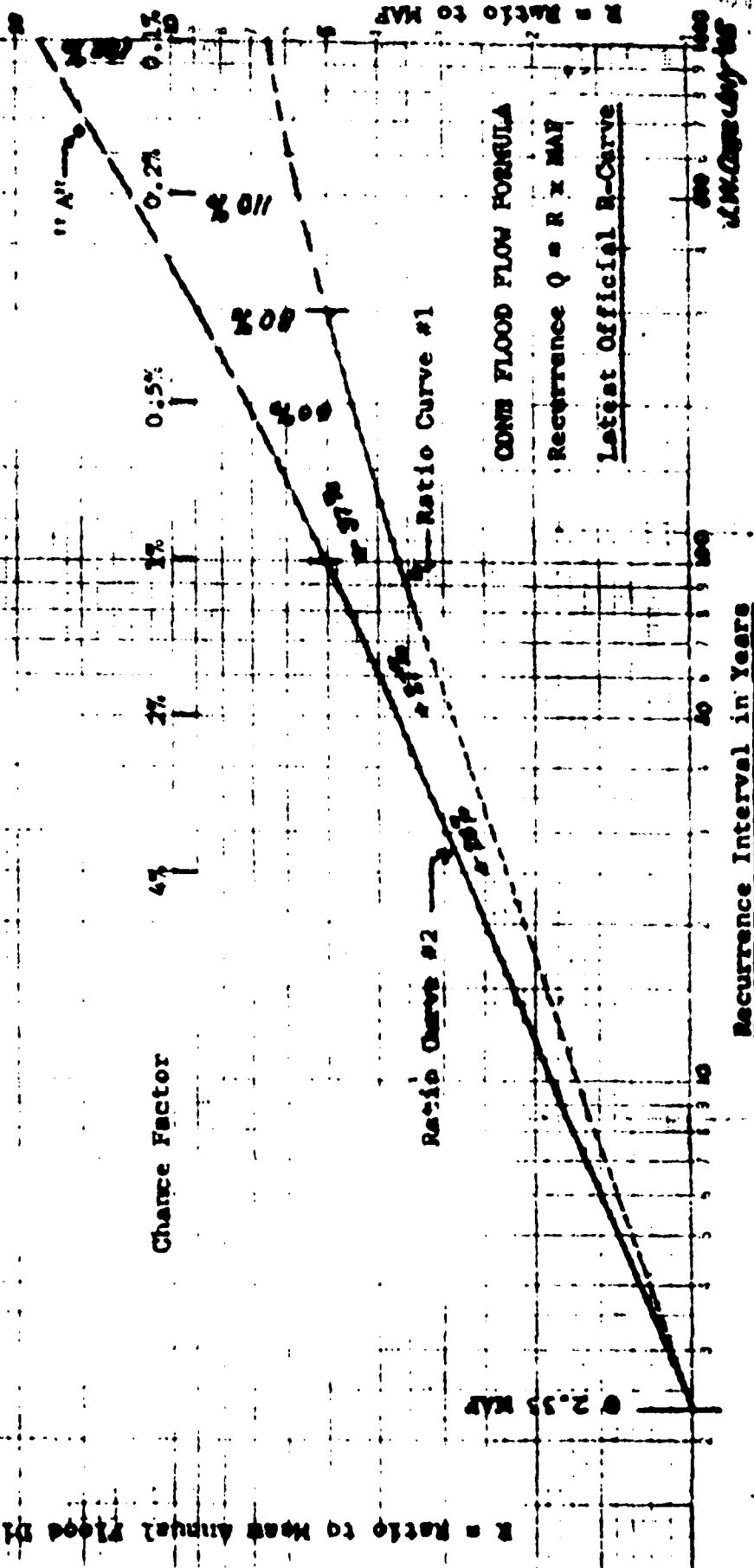


Curve #1 is as shown in G.S. Circular #365, Flood Flow Formula For Connecticut, based on data prior to 1955 Floods.

Curve #2 was derived by M. P. Thomas USGS, after WSP staff, by A. Rice Green 1964, based on data through water year 1960. This curve has official G.S. approval to 100 yrs. Extension to 1000 yrs. by Thomas using Gumbel's recurrence interval scale.

Point "A" There have been recorded floods 15 MAY during record period of 330 yrs. Assuming that 330 yrs. is a measure of 660 yrs., one-half period before and after observed period, then plot "A" of R=15 at 660. This agrees substantially with #2.

R = Ratio to Mean Annual Flood Discharge



## DATA SHEETS

1. Summary of data.
2. Determination of MAF, graphically
3. Watersheds; sketch arrangement
4. Precipitation Oct. '55 New Haven
5.       "       "       "       Dawson (devised)
6.       "       Aug.       "       Norfolk
7.       "       "       "       Westfield (devised)
8.       "       Maximum Possible
9.       "       Recurrence 2 to 24 hr.
10. Flood flow graph old.
11.       "       "       "       revised.
- 12.- A Peak Runoff  $Q = A^{2/3}$   
      B       "       "       "  
      C       "       "       "
13. Ratio Curve - Conn Formula
14. Weir Coefficients
15. Plans Bethany (3)
16.       "       Watrous (1)
17.       "       Chamberlain (1)
18.       "       Glen (2)
19.       "       Dawson (2)

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COMMENTS re DATA SHEETS

#10 This Flood Flow Curve shown since it shows a curve, dashed line, devised by A.E. Hill about the turn of the century. It was considered a sound base curve at that time when there was a paucity of information as compared to that which became available in more recent years; precipitation and flood flow records, many studies, reports, etc.

#13 The upper curve, shown in red, was plotted by Mr. Mendall P. Thomas with the Geological Survey based on study by A. Rice Green, Water Supply Paper 1671, 1964. Curve has official approval to 100 years; projection to 1000 by Thomas using Gumbel's recurrence interval scale. This is the latest R-curve available.

The purpose of including the other sheets I believe is self-evident.

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MEMORANDUM REPORT TO WATER COMPANY  
ON  
INVESTIGATION OF THE EFFECTS OF A FLOOD  
PRODUCED BY THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE STORM  
ON SPILLWAYS OF WEST RIVER SYSTEM

AUGUST 2, 1967

The effect of the "maximum possible storm" on the West River System is reported in this memorandum.

The "maximum possible storm" employed is defined and quantitatively estimated in U. S. Weather Bureau Hydro-meteorological Report No. 33 entitled "Seasonal Variation of the Probable Maximum Precipitation East of the 105th Meridian for Areas from 10 to 1,000 Square Miles and Durations of 6, 12, 24 and 48 Hours." The report defines the "maximum possible precipitation" as "the critical depth-duration-area rainfall relation for a particular area during various months of the year that would result if conditions during an actual storm in the region were increased to represent the most critical meteorological conditions that are considered probable of occurrence."

As shown on Exhibit 1, the rainfall totals used for the West River System analyses are for durations of 6 and 12 hours on an area of 10 square miles for September -- the most severe month for the vicinity of New Haven, Connecticut. The hourly

distribution of the total rainfall assumed is according to Figure 4, page 32 of U. S. Department of the Interior publication "Design of Small Dams." The distribution is a comparatively severe one with 50 per cent of the 6 hour total falling within 1 hour.

The sequence in which the hourly totals were arranged is in accordance with the recommendation made on page 50 in "Design of Small Dams." The arrangement of the 12 hourly increments is 11, 9, 7, 5, 3, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, where the number represents the order of magnitude with the lowest number representing the largest magnitude. This arrangement gives a flood greater than one based on the assumption that the greatest hourly increment of rain occurs during the first hour of a storm

The effective, runoff-producing rainfall was estimated by subtracting 1 inch initial infiltration and 0.1 inch per hour thereafter from the total rainfall.

In order to pass the unusually high flows for the "maximum possible storm," several modifications of both the length and crest height of spillways were tried. Spillway rating curves and stage capacity curves for each of the five reservoirs are shown on Exhibit 2 and Exhibit 3, respectively.

The unit-hydrographs and routing procedures employed are those outlined in our report of January, 1967. Detailed computations are shown on Exhibit 4, pages 1 through 8.

The inflow-outflow curves for each of the reservoirs are shown on Exhibit 5, pages 1 through 3. As no significant storage effect is obtained from Lake Dawson, the outflow

hydrograph as shown on Exhibit 5, page 3, will be the same with a spillway 250 feet long.

The "maximum possible" flood outflows at each of the West River reservoirs and the conditions at the Spillways are summarized below:

<u>Dam</u>	Peak Spillway Discharge cfs	Free- Board ft.	<u>Maximum Head (ft.)</u>	
			<u>Over Spillway</u>	<u>Over Dam Crest</u>
Chamberlain	7200	12.0	10.8	-1.2
Glen	9665	9.0*	11.3	+2.3
Bethany	7350	4.25	5.2	+1.0
Watrous	15,400	5.0	7.1	+2.1
Dawson				
80' Spillway	26,260	11.5*	13.8	+2.3
250' Spillway	26,260	11.0*	9.0	-2.0

\*Freeboard above proposed new sill elevation

EXHIBIT 1

MAXIMUM POSSIBLE RAINFALL  
FOR NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

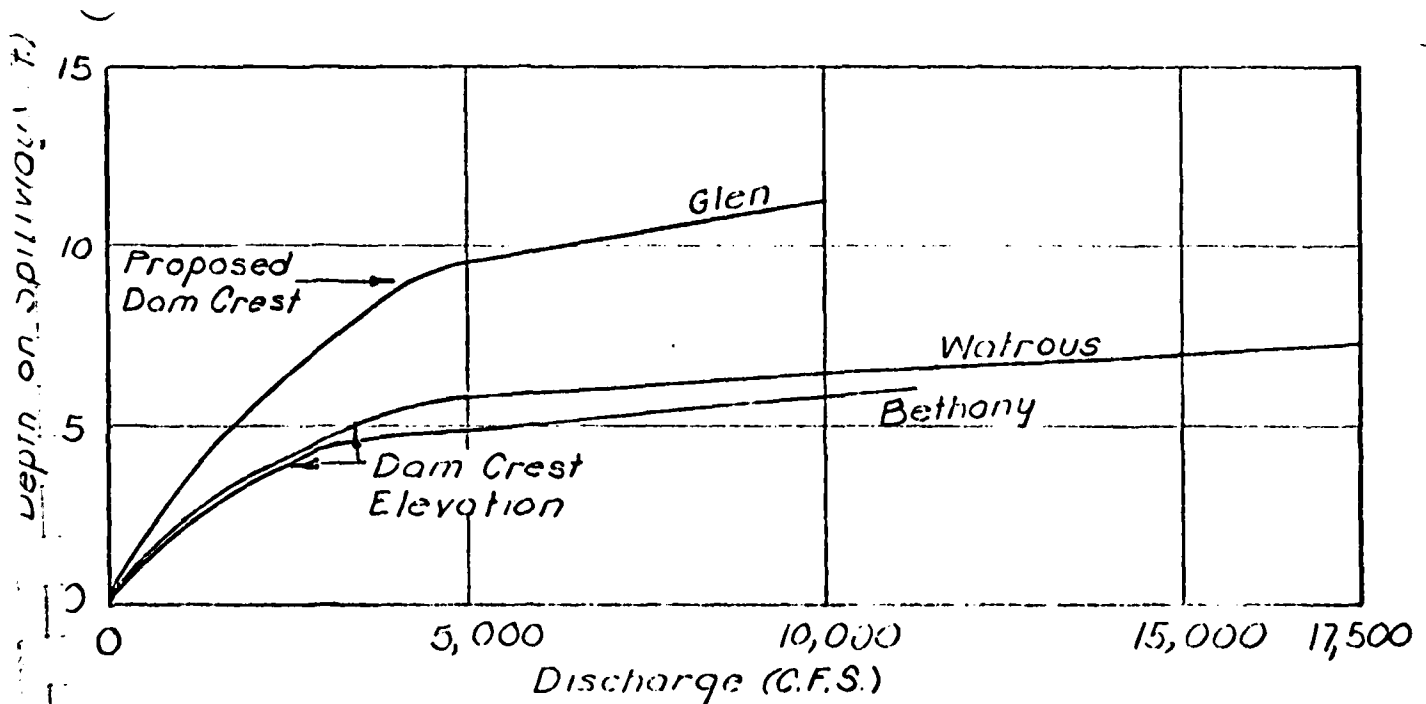
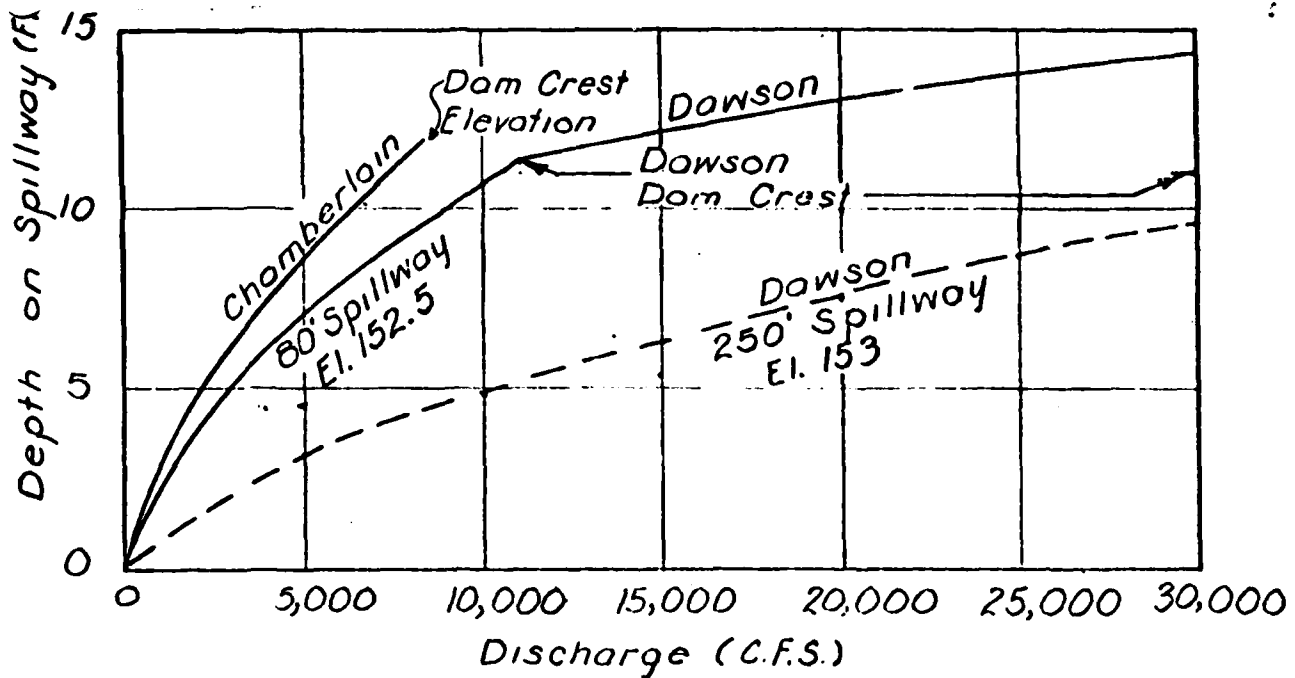
<u>*DURATION OF RAINFALL</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>TOTAL RAINFALL</u> <u>INCHES</u>
6	24.2
12	26.4

DISTRIBUTION OF 6 AND 12 HR. TOTALS

<u>TIME FROM</u> <u>BEGINNING OF RAIN</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>**INCREMENTAL</u> <u>RAINFALL</u> <u>INCHES</u>	<u>**</u> <u>REARRANGED</u>	<u>LESS 1" INITIAL</u> <u>&amp; 0.1" INFILTRATION</u> <u>PER HOUR</u>
1	12.1	0.1	--
2	3.6	0.3	--
3	2.6	1.0	0.3
4	2.2	1.9	1.8
5	1.9	2.6	2.5
6	1.8	12.1	12.0
7	1.0	3.6	3.5
8	0.5	2.2	2.1
9	0.3	1.8	1.7
10	0.2	0.5	0.4
11	0.1	0.2	0.1
12	0.1	0.1	--
	26.4	26.4	24.4

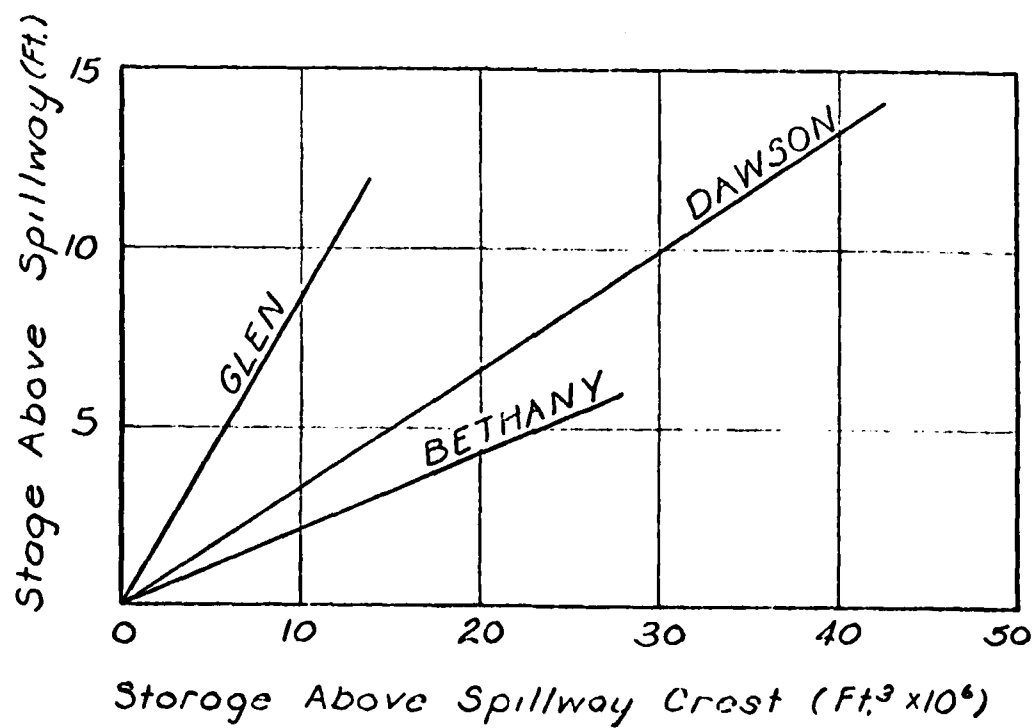
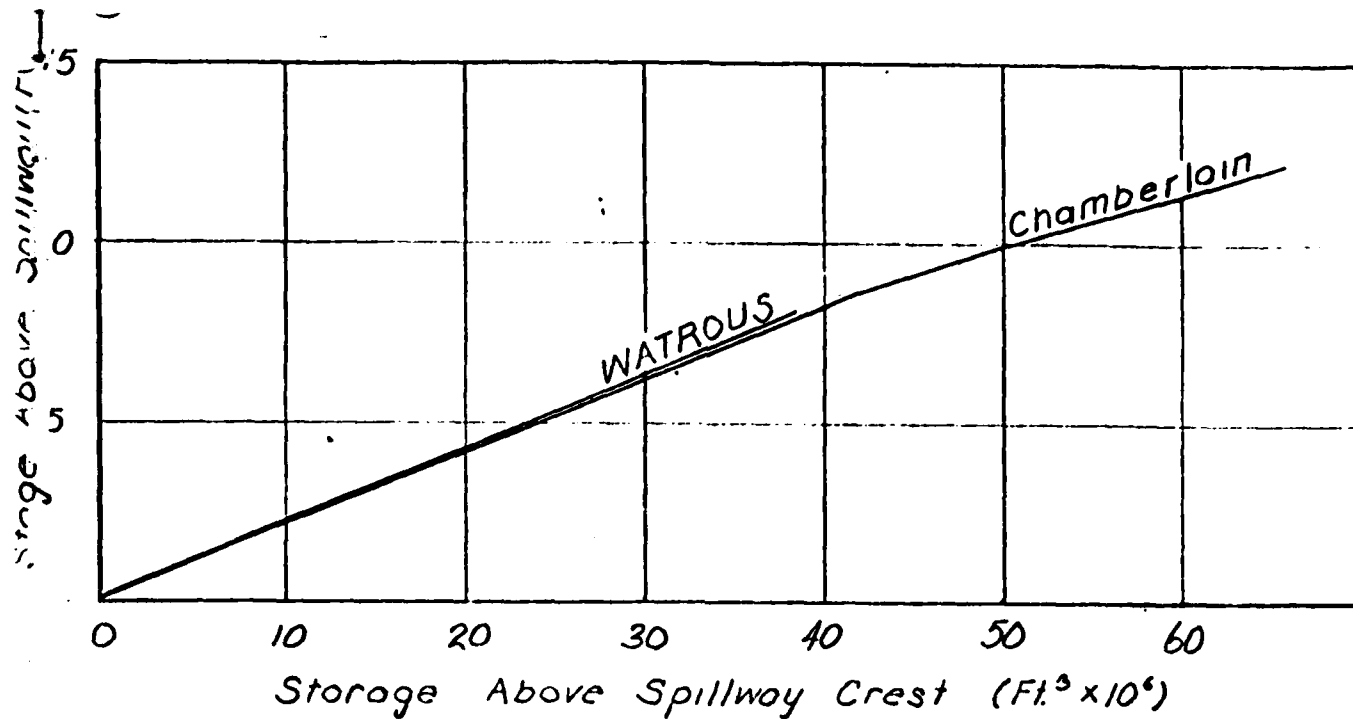
\*From Weather Bureau Technical Paper 33 1956

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SPILLWAY RATING CURVES





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SUBJECT NEW HAVEN - MAX POSSIBLE INFLOW

# HYDROGRAPH

TIME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1:00	20	200	415	370	280	190	120	80	60	40	20	10	5	3	1	0					
0.3	6	60	125	111	84	57	36	24	18	12	6	3	2	1	0	0	0				
1.8		36	350	747	656	504	342	216	144	108	72	36	18	9	5	2	0				
2.5			50	500	1038	925	750	475	300	200	150	100	50	25	13	8	3	0			
12.0				240	2420	4920	4440	3360	2280	1440	960	720	480	240	120	60	36	12	0		
2.5					70	700	1450	1300	980	665	420	280	210	140	70	35	18	11	4	0	
2.1						42	420	870	777	589	400	252	168	126	84	42	21	11	6	2	0
1.7							34	340	706	629	476	323	204	136	102	68	34	17	8	5	0
0.4								8	80	160	143	112	76	48	32	24	16	8	4	2	1
0.1									2	20	42	37	28	19	12	8	6	4	2	1	0
24.4	6	9	6	535	1548	4248	7208	7422	6593	5287	3829	2674	1863	1236	744	438	247	134	63	42	10

TOTAL = 44,276

1814 x 24.4 = 44,262 CHECKS

Σ I" = 1814

TIME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1:00	15	150	370	475	440	330	220	160	120	95	70	55	38	22	18	10	5	3	1	0	
0.3	5	24	111	143	132	99	66	43	36	29	21	17	12	7	5	3	2	1	0	0	
1.8		27	144	665	855	791	595	396	288	216	171	126	99	69	40	32	18	9	5	2	0
2.5			38	200	925	1190	1100	825	550	400	300	238	175	138	95	55	45	25	13	8	0
12.0				180	960	4440	5700	5240	3960	2640	1920	1440	1140	840	660	456	264	216	120	60	12
2.5					53	280	1295	1650	1540	1155	770	560	420	332	245	193	133	77	63	35	18
2.1						32	168	777	997	925	694	461	336	252	200	147	115	80	46	38	21
1.7							26	136	629	807	748	560	374	272	204	162	119	94	65	37	31
0.4								6	32	148	190	176	132	88	64	48	38	28	22	15	9
0.1									2	28	37	46	44	33	22	16	12	10	7	6	2
24.4	5	51	293	1188	2925	6632	8950	9180	8001	6328	4651	3626	2732	2031	1535	1112	746	540	341	201	122

2527 x 24.4 = 61658 CHECKS TOT: 61640

Σ I" = 2527

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SUBJECT NEW HAVEN - MAX POSSIBLE  
INFLOW HYDROGRAPH

GLEN - MAX POSSIBLE STORM INFLOW HYDROGRAPH

TIME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
INST.	20	130	269	220	140	80	50	30	20	10	5	3	2	1	0						
0.3	6	54	61	66	42	24	15	9	6	3	2	1	0	0	0						
1.8		36	224	486	396	252	144	90	54	36	18	12	6	0	0						
2.5			50	450	672	550	350	200	125	75	50	25	13	8	5	3	0				
12.0				240	2160	3230	2640	1680	960	600	360	240	120	60	36	24	12	0			
2.5				70	630	942	770	490	280	175	105	70	35	18	10	7	4	0			
2.1					42	378	564	461	294	168	105	63	42	21	11	6	4	2	0		
1.7						34	306	458	374	238	136	85	51	34	17	8	5	3	2	0	
0.4							8	72	107	88	56	32	20	12	8	4	2	1	1	0	
0.1								2	18	27	22	14	8	5	3	2	1	0	0	0	
24.4	6	96	455	1312	2942	5410	4802	3462	2218	1410	854	542	205	158	90	54	24	6	3		

$\Sigma I = 1030$   $1030 \times 24.4 = 25132$  CHECKS  $TOT = 25137$

WATROUS

TIME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
INST.	20	210	440	420	320	220	150	110	50	60	40	25	15	10	5	1	0				
0.3	6	66	132	126	96	66	45	33	24	18	12	8	5	3	2	0	0				
1.8		36	396	792	756	576	346	270	192	144	105	72	48	30	18	12	0				
2.5			50	550	1100	1050	800	550	375	275	200	150	100	63	39	25	13	0			
12.0				240	2640	5280	5040	3360	2640	1800	1320	960	720	480	300	180	120	60			
2.5					70	770	1150	1170	1120	770	525	325	280	210	140	88	53	33			
2.1					42	462	693	681	661	461	315	215	168	126	84	53	32	21			
1.7						34	374	550	544	374	255	187	136	102	68	43	24	16			
0.4							8	88	128	107	88	56	32	20	12	8	4	2			
0.1								2	22	44	42	32	22	15	9	6	4	3			
24.4	6	102	578	1708	4652	7784	8317	7449	6076	4596	3375	2434	1759	1223	619	534	286	195	90	40	16

$\Sigma I = 2136$   $2136 \times 24.4 = 52118$  CHECKS  $TOTAL = 52076$

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INFLOW HYDROGRAPH

DAWSON - MAXIMUM POSSIBLE INFLOW HYDROGRAPH															
TIME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1.5M	10	135	170	200	230	260	290	320	350	380	410	440	470	500	530
0.3	3	41	51	27	15	9	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1.8	18	246	306	366	425	490	554	615	675	730	785	840	895	950	1000
2.5	25	333	425	525	625	725	825	925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1625
12.0	120	1645	2040	2440	2840	3240	3640	4040	4440	4840	5240	5640	6040	6440	6840
3.5	35	472	595	715	835	955	1075	1195	1315	1435	1555	1675	1795	1915	2035
2.1	21	284	357	430	503	576	649	722	795	868	941	1014	1087	1160	1233
1.7	17	230	289	348	407	466	525	584	643	702	761	820	879	938	997
0.4	4	54	68	82	96	110	124	138	152	166	180	194	208	222	236
0.1	1	14	17	21	24	28	31	35	38	42	45	49	52	56	59
24.4	3	59	322	791	2277	2857	2166	1682	1154	653	286	127	48	6	2

TOTAL = 12,440

24.4 x 508 = 12,400

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# EXHIBIT 4

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SUBJECT ROUTING MAX POSSIBLE STORM DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING  
TO "SMALL DAMS" THROUGH BETHANY

## BETHANY RES. SPILLWAY

TIME	I TOT.	$2S_1 - O$	$2S_2 + O$	$O_2$	STAGE
0	0	0	6	-	-
1.0	6	4	106	1	-
2.0	96	86	717	10	-
3.0	535	667	2800	25	0.1
4.0	1598	2360	8206	220	0.7
5.0	4248	28080	37,328	1,210	2.5
5.25	4488	29628	40,344	1,350	2.8
5.50	5728	36244	48,440	2,050	3.6
5.75	6468	41340	55,016	3,550	4.3
6.00	7208	44216	58,685	5,400	4.8
6.25	7261	45485	60,060	6,600	5.1
6.50	7314	45660	60,341	7,200	5.2
6.75	7367	45741	60,530	7,300	5.2
7.00	7422	45830	60,466	7,350	5.2
7.25	7214	45766	59,087	7,350	5.2
7.50	7007	45787	59,594	7,100	5.2
7.75	6800	45624	59,087	6,050	5.1
8.0	6593	6000	18,780	6,800	5.1
9.0	5287	7380	16,496	5,700	4.9
10.0	3829	7896	14,399	4,300	4.5
11.0	2674	8099	12,636	3,150	4.2
12.0	1863	7836	10,935	2,400	3.9
13.0	1236	6995	8,075	1,070	3.5
14.0	744			1,400	2.8

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ACCORDING TO "SMALL DAMS" THROUGH CHAMBERLAIN RES. SPILLWAY

		CHAMBERLAIN			RES. SPILLWAY
TIME	I TOT	25.4 - 0	25.4 + 0	0	STAGE ON SPILLWAY
0	0	0	5	5	-
1	5	3	59	1	-
2	51	39	383	10	-
3	293	343	1824	20	0.2
4	4188	1524	5637	150	0.8
5	2925	4637	14394	500	2.0
6	6832	10,394	26,176	2000	4.8
7	8950	16,376	34,464	4900	8.4
8	9138	21,464	38,636	6500	10.1
9	8034	24,216	38,578	7210	10.8
10	6328	24,178	35,357	7200	10.8
11	4851	22,017	30,494	6670	10.2
12	3626	18,814	25,252	5800	9.3
13	2732	15852	20,615	4700	8.2
14	2031	13,815	17,381	3400	6.7
15	1535	12,181	14,828	2600	5.7
16	1112	10,728	12,586	2050	4.9
17	746	9,386	10,672	1600	4.1
18	540	8,232	9,113	1220	3.4
19	341	7,133	7,675	990	3.0
20	201	6095	6418	790	2.7
21	122	4895	5,076	600	2.2'
22	59	4075	4158	410	1.7'
23	24	3458		350	1.5'

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TO "SMALL DAMS" THRO' GLEN RES. & SPILLWAY

## GLEN RES. &amp; SPILLWAY

TIME	I GLEN	I CHAMB	I TOTAL	25. - 0 t	25. + 0 t	O TOT	O <sub>80</sub>	O <sub>T</sub> - O <sub>80</sub>	STAGE ON SPILLWAY
0	0	0	0	0	7				
1	6	1	7	5	112	1	-	1	
2	90	10	100	72	647	20	-	20	
3	455	20	475	297	2234	175	-	175	0.8
4	1312	150	1462	1054	6958	590	-	590	2.2
5	3942	500	4442	1758	13610	2600	-	2600	6.5
6	5410	2000	7410	-590	16522	7100	285	6815	10.1
7	4802	4900	9702	-2478	17186	9500	"	9115	11.0
8	3462	6500	9962	-2514	16476	9950	"	9665	11.3
9	2218	7210	9428	-2324	15714	9500	"	9215	11.0
10	1410	7200	8610	-1746	14333	8730	"	8445	10.8
11	854	6670	7524	-972	12894	7680	"	7395	10.4
12	542	5800	6342	-106	11231	6500	"	6215	10.0
13	295	4700	4995	811	9364	5210	"	4925	9.5
14	158	3400	3558	1364	7612	4000	"	3715	8.3
15	90	2600	2690	1412	6206	3100	"	2815	6.9
16	54	2050	2104	1406	5138	2100	"	2015	5.5
17	28	1600	1628	1338	4192	1900	"	1615	4.8
18	6	1220	1226	1172	3411	1500	"	1215	3.9
19	3	990	993	1011	2794	1200	"	915	3.0
20	-	790	790	814	2204	990	"	705	2.5
21	-	600	600	604	1614	800	"	515	2.0
22	-	410	410	414	1174	600	"	315	
23	-	350	350			420	"	135	

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"SMALL DAMS" THROUGH WATROUS

WATROUS RES. & SPILLWAY

TIME	I <sub>BETH</sub>	I <sub>WATROUS</sub>	I <sub>TOT</sub>	$2\frac{S_1}{L} - 0$	$2\frac{S_2}{L} + 0$	O <sub>2</sub>	STAGE
0	0	0	0	0	7		
1	6	1	7	5	124	1	
2	102	10	112	44	759	40	
3	578	25	603	559	3090	100	
4	1708	220	1928	2290	10090	400	1.0
5	4662	1210	5872	7090	25446	1500	3.1
6	5400	7784	13184	56000	83701	8500	6.1
6.25	6600	7917	14517	57701	87468	13000	6.8
6.50	7200	8050	15250	59068	89801	14200	6.9
6.75	7300	8183	15483	59600	90150	15100	7.0
7.0	7350	8317	15667	59750	90872	15200	7.0
7.25	7350	8105	15455	60072	90520	15400	7.1
7.50	7100	7893	14993	59920	89544	15300	7.1
7.75	6950	7681	14631	59544	88444	15000	7.0
8.0	6800	7469	14269	3,300	29,345	14,700	6.7
9.0	5700	6076	11,776	4,245	25,611	12,200	6.3
10.0	4300	4520	8,820	7,211	22,634	9,200	6.1
11.0	3150	3383	6,533	9,234	20,601	6,700	5.6
12.0	2400	2434	4,834	9,601	18,164	5,500	5.2
13.0	1970	1759	3,729	9964	16,316	4,100	4.8
14.0	1400	1223	2,623			3,200	



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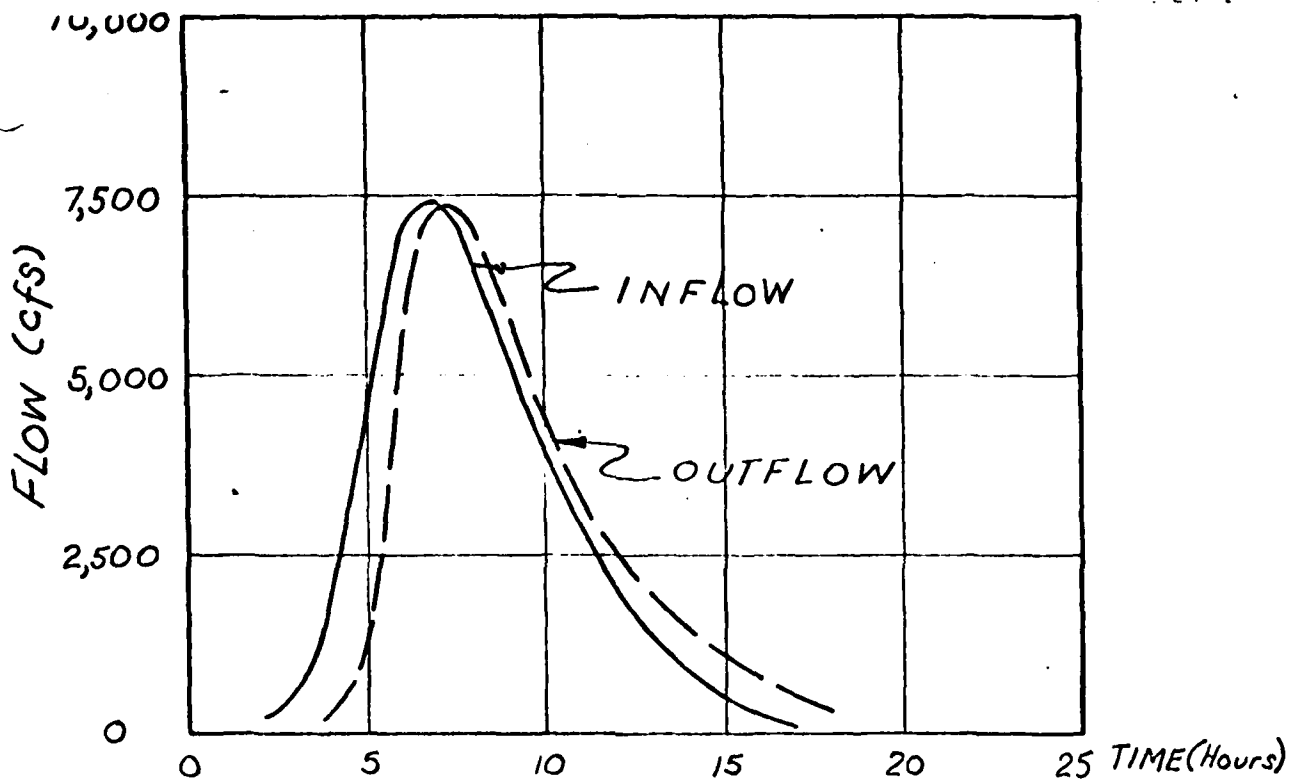
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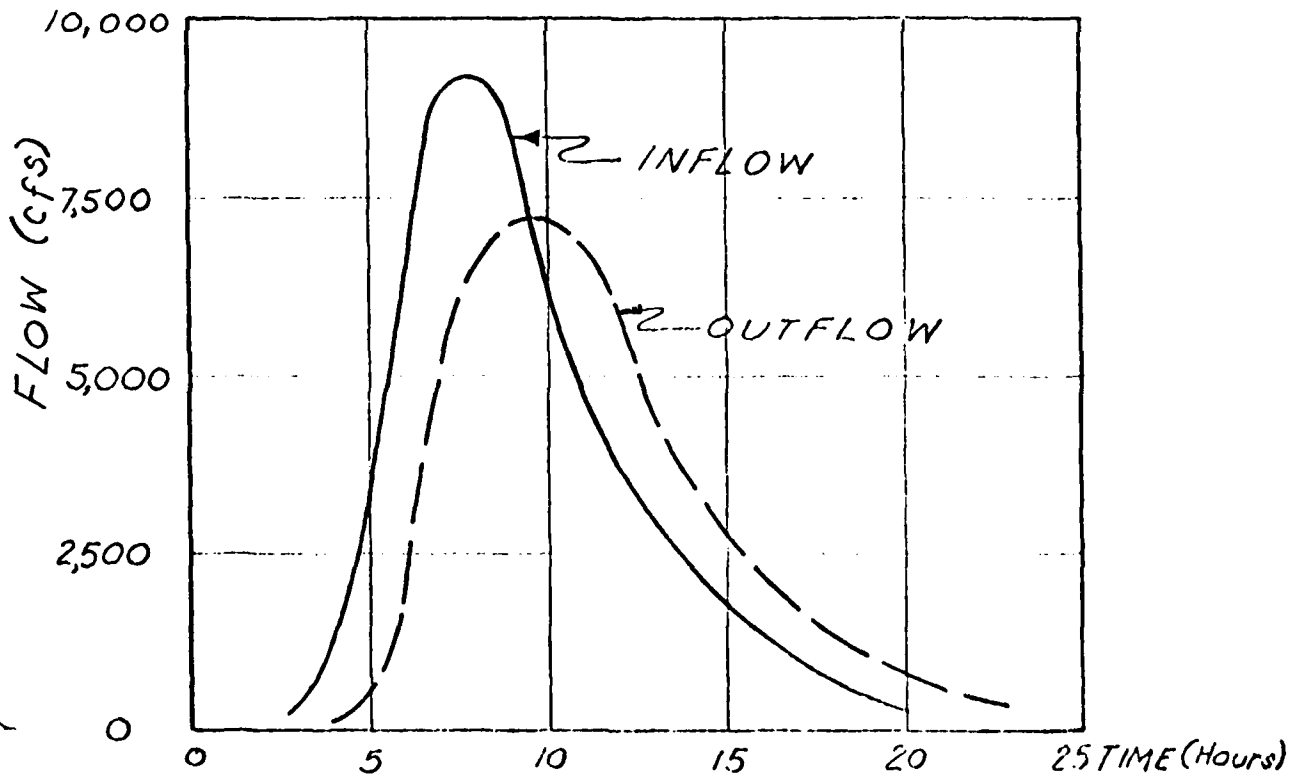
ACCORDING TO "SMALL DAMS" THROUGH DAWSON

DAWSON RES & SPILLWAY

TIME	I <sub>TOT</sub>	$\frac{2S_1}{t} - O_1$	$\frac{2S_2}{t} + O_2$	O <sub>TOT</sub>	O <sub>BO</sub>	O <sub>TOT</sub> - O <sub>BO</sub>	STAGE
0		0	1				
0.5	1	1	7	0	-	0	-
1.0	5	5	30	1	-	1	-
1.5	29	35	183	2	-	2	-
2.0	119	163	502	10	-	10	-
2.5	220	402	1219	50	-	50	0.6
3.0	557	919	2488	150	-	150	0.9
3.5	972	1888	4641	300	-	300	1.3
4.0	1781	3841	9256	400	-	400	1.4
4.5	3634	7256	17267	1000	-	1000	2.6
5.0	6377	12667	30157	2300	-	2300	4.6
5.5	11413	19457	42322	5500	-	5500	7.4
6.0	18457	62600	104442	11700	740	10360	11.2
6.25	23385	65812	114230	19300	"	18560	12.8
6.50	25012	65230	116500	24500	"	23760	13.5
6.75	26330	65100	118305	25700	"	24060	13.7
7.0	26866	64705	119718	26300	"	25560	13.8
7.25	27057	65718	119723	27000	"	26260	13.9
7.50	26248	65723	119310	27000	"	26260	13.9
7.75	26630	65910	118831	26700	"	25960	13.8
8.0	26332	65681	117468	26600	"	25860	13.8
8.25	25455	64863	114911	26300	"	25560	13.8
8.50	24588	65311	113620	24800	"	24060	13.6
8.75	23721	64420	112045	24100	"	23360	13.5
9.0	22854	21400	64970	23500	"	22760	13.4
9.5	20725	22979	62237	21000	"	20260	13.0
10.0	18583	23837	52084	19200	"	18460	12.8
10.5	16624	24434	53784	17300	"	16560	12.4
11.0	14666	25384	53240	15200	"	14460	12.0
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12.0	13000			12500		12060	11.6
12.5							

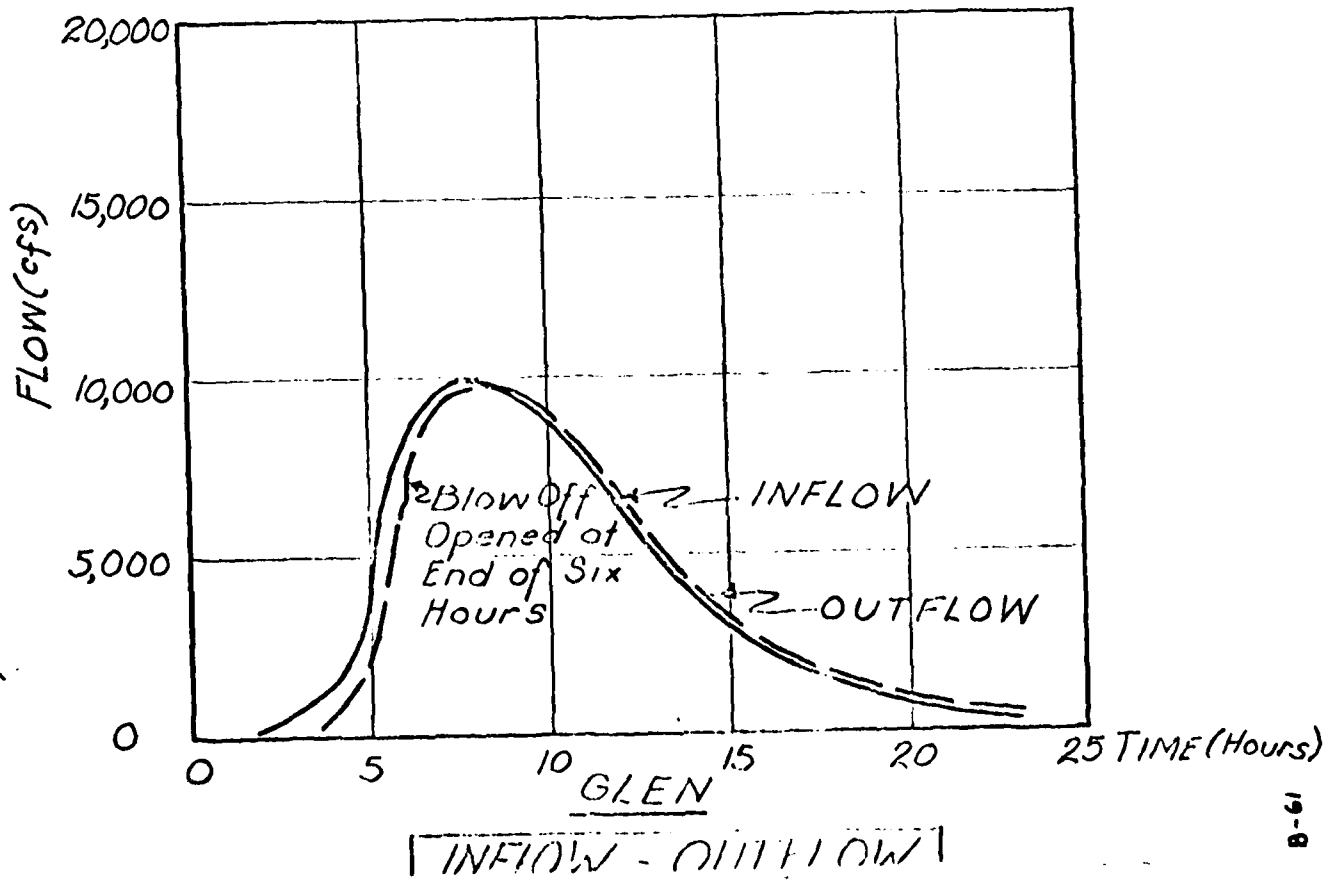
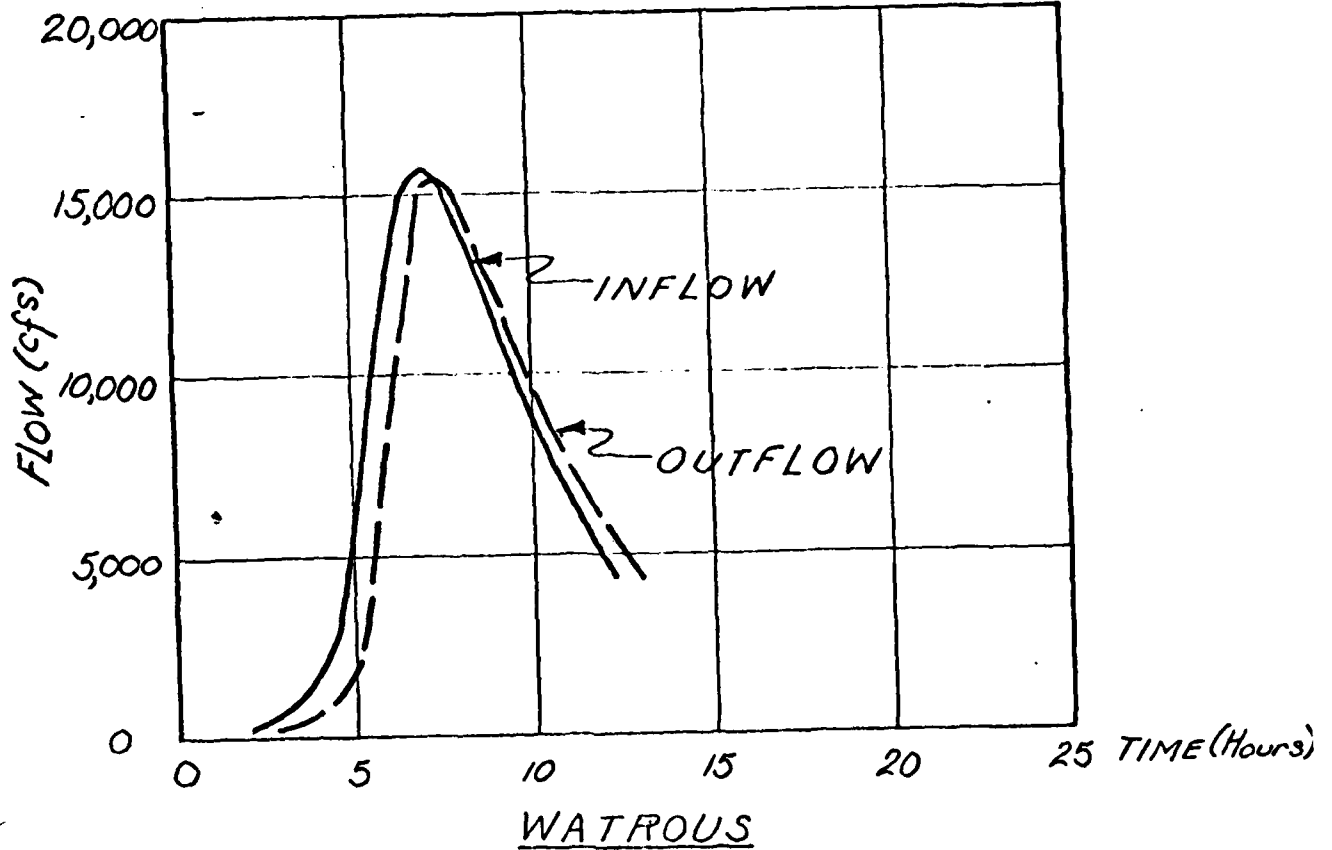


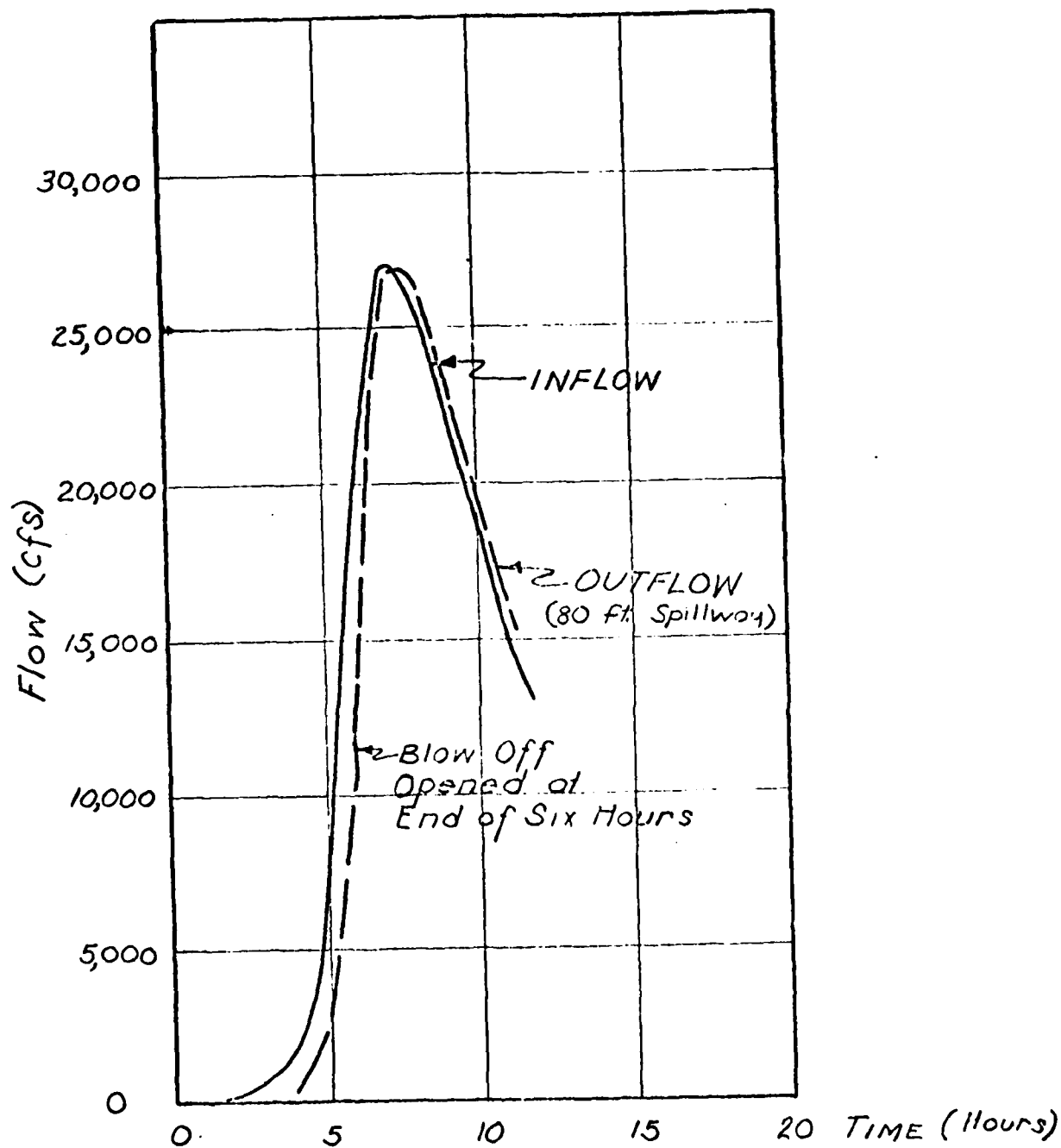
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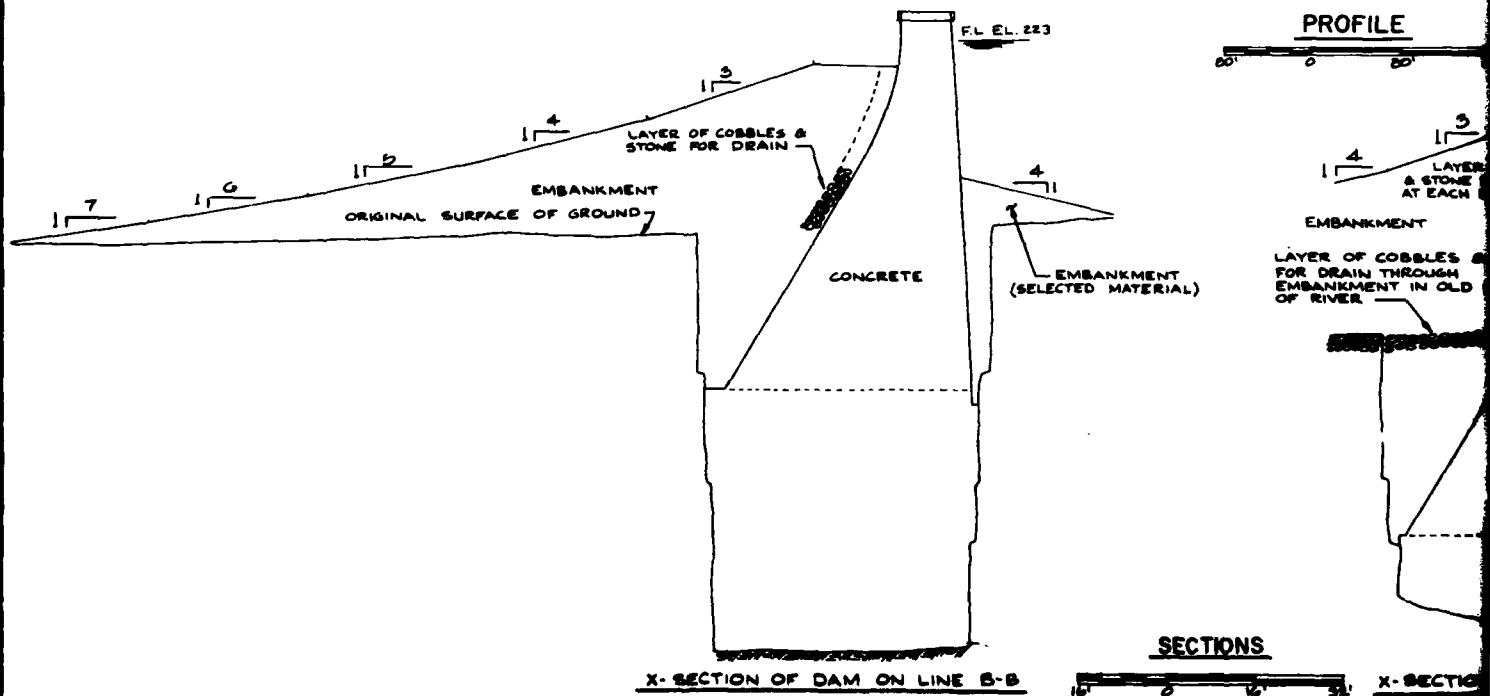
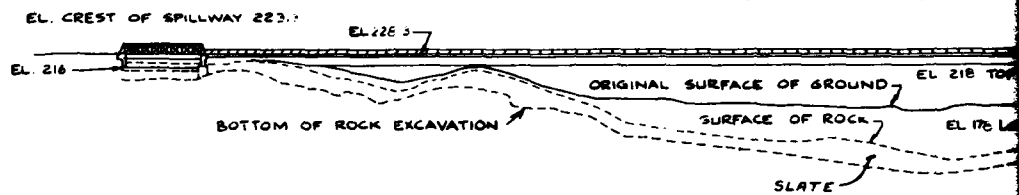
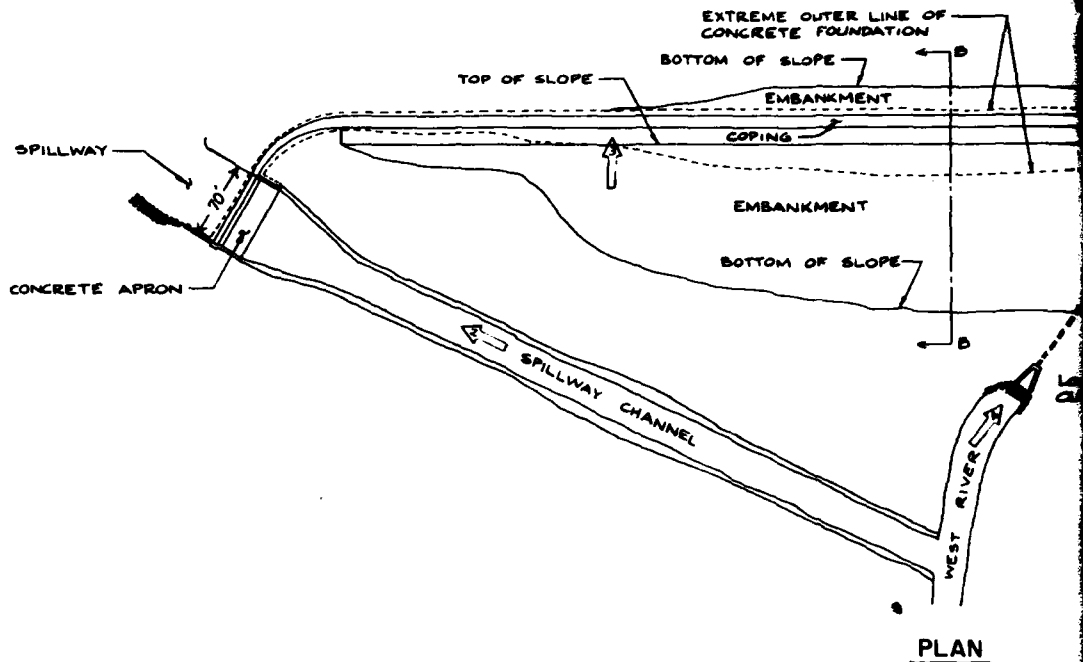
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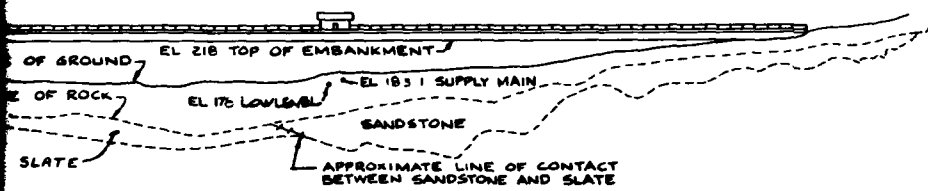
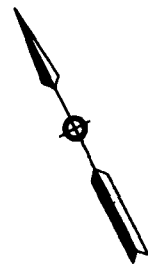
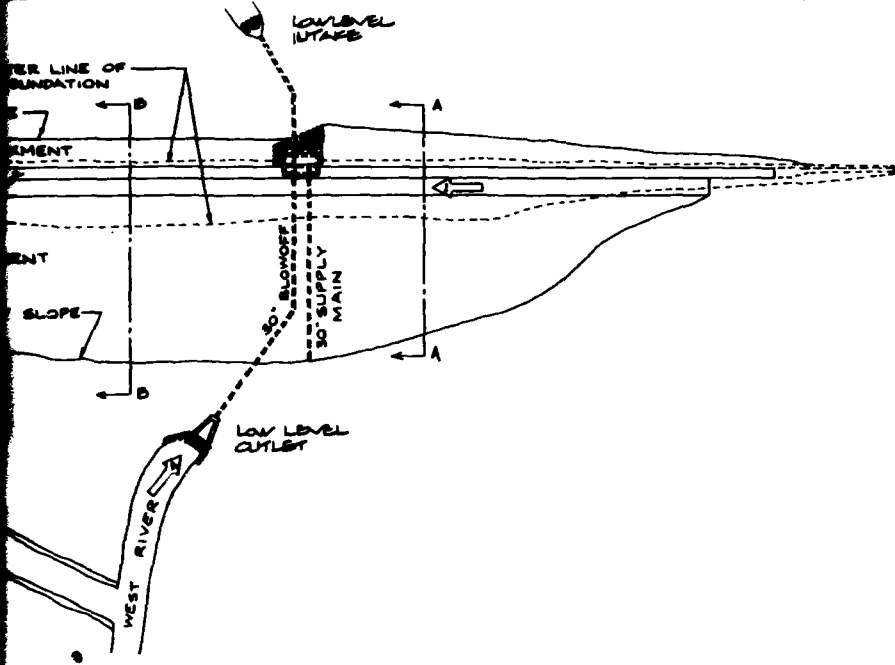


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DAWSON

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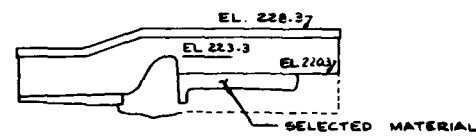
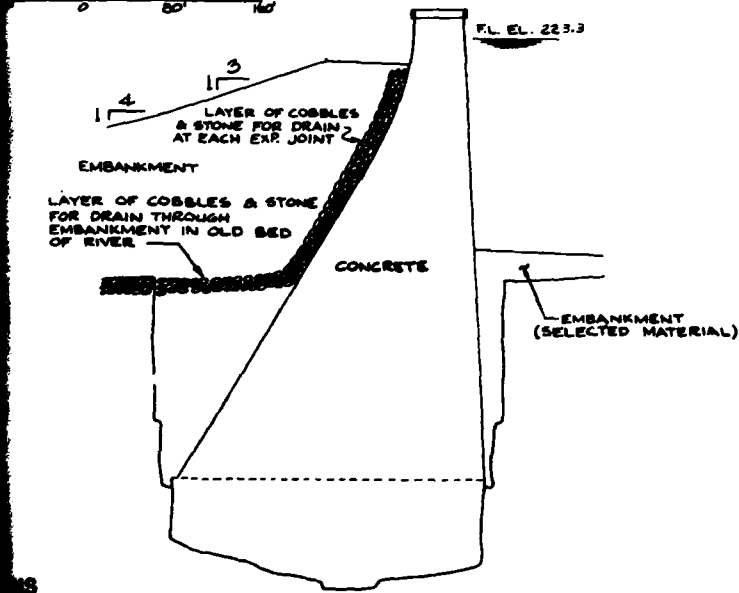


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**APPENDIX**  
**SECTION C: DETAIL PHOTOGRAPHS**



PHOTO NO.1 - General view of downstream face of dam and embankment.



PHOTO NO.2 - Spillway, bridge, and channel cut into natural rock formation.

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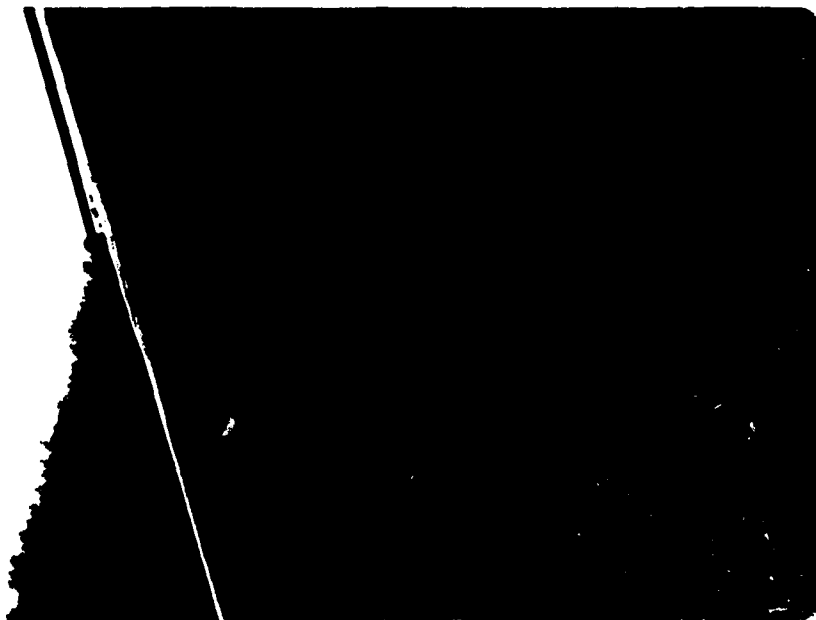


PHOTO NO. 3 - Seepage and staining of downstream face of dam at horizontal construction joint.



PHOTO NO. 4 - Low level outlet structure. Note fallen tree.

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**APPENDIX**

**SECTION D: HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC COMPUTATIONS**

**PRELIMINARY GUIDANCE  
FOR ESTIMATING  
MAXIMUM PROBABLE DISCHARGES  
IN  
PHASE I DAM SAFETY  
INVESTIGATIONS**

**New England Division  
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MAXIMUM PROBABLE FLOOD INFLOWS  
NED RESERVOIRS

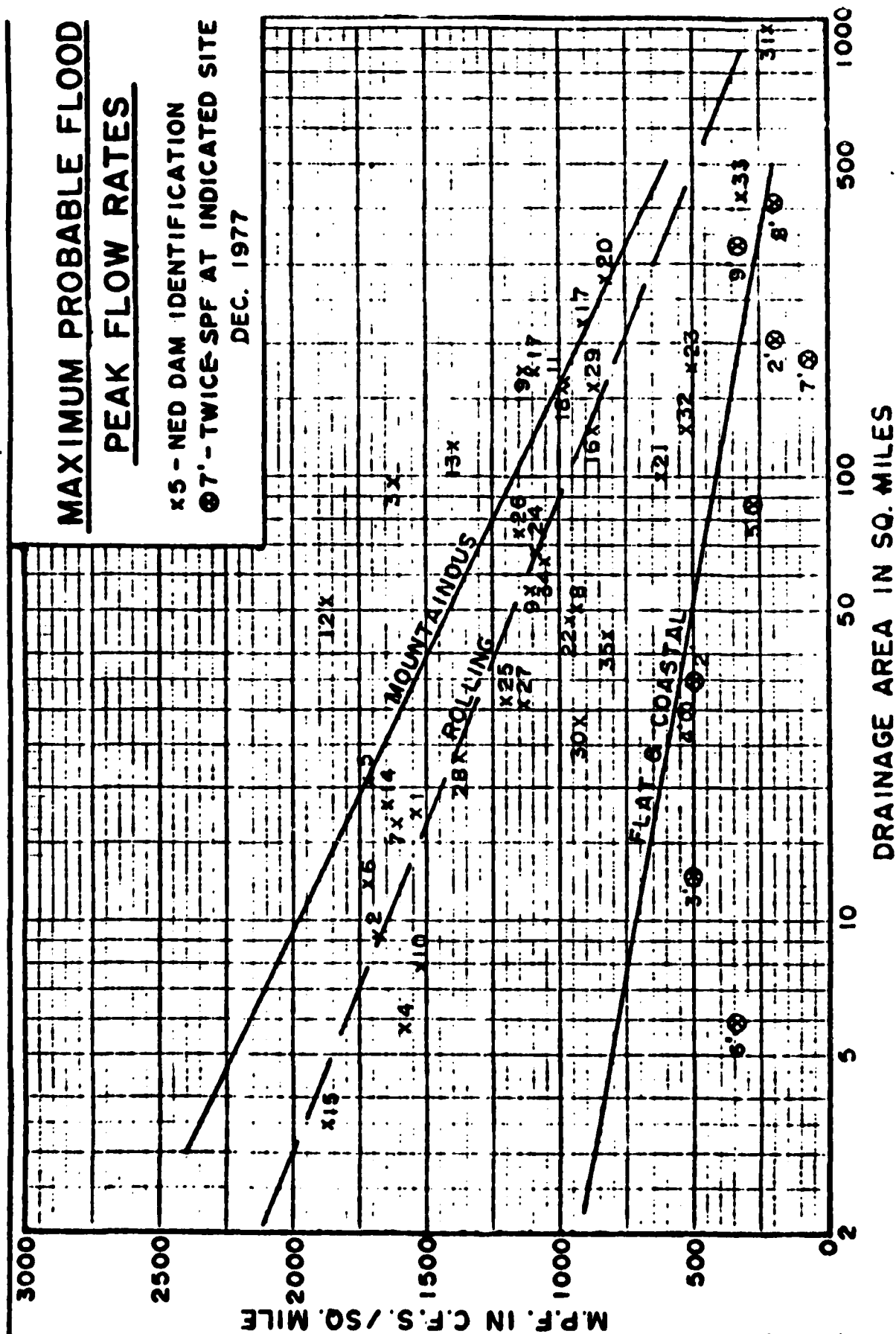
<u>Project</u>	<u>Q</u> (cfs)	<u>D.A.</u> (sq. mi.)	<u>MPF</u> cfs/sq. mi.
1. Hall Meadow Brook	26,600	17.2	1,546
2. East Branch	15,500	9.25	1,675
3. Thomaston	158,000	97.2	1,625
4. Northfield Brook	9,000	5.7	1,580
5. Black Rock	35,000	20.4	1,715
6. Hancock Brook	20,700	12.0	1,725
7. Hop Brook	26,400	16.4	1,610
8. Tully	47,000	50.0	940
9. Barre Falls	61,000	55.0	1,109
10. Conant Brook	11,900	7.8	1,525
11. Knightville	160,000	162.0	987
12. Littleville	98,000	52.3	1,870
13. Colebrook River	165,000	118.0	1,400
14. Mad River	30,000	18.2	1,650
15. Sucker Brook	6,500	3.43	1,895
16. Union Village	110,000	126.0	873
17. North Hartland	199,000	220.0	904
18. North Springfield	157,000	158.0	994
19. Ball Mountain	190,000	172.0	1,105
20. Townshend	228,000	106.0(278 total)	820
21. Surry Mountain	63,000	100.0	630
22. Otter Brook	45,000	47.0	957
23. Birch Hill	88,500	175.0	505
24. East Brimfield	73,900	67.5	1,095
25. Westville	38,400	99.5(32 net)	1,200
26. West Thompson	85,000	173.5(74 net)	1,150
27. Hodges Village	35,600	31.1	1,145
28. Buffumville	36,500	26.5	1,377
29. Mansfield Hollow	125,000	159.0	786
30. West Hill	26,000	28.0	928
31. Franklin Falls	210,000	1000.0	210
32. Blackwater	66,500	128.0	520
33. Hopkinton	135,000	426.0	316
34. Everett	68,000	64.0	1,062
35. MacDowell	36,300	44.0	825

**MAXIMUM PROBABLE FLOWS**  
**BASED ON TWICE THE**  
**STANDARD PROJECT FLOOD**  
**(Flat and Coastal Areas)**

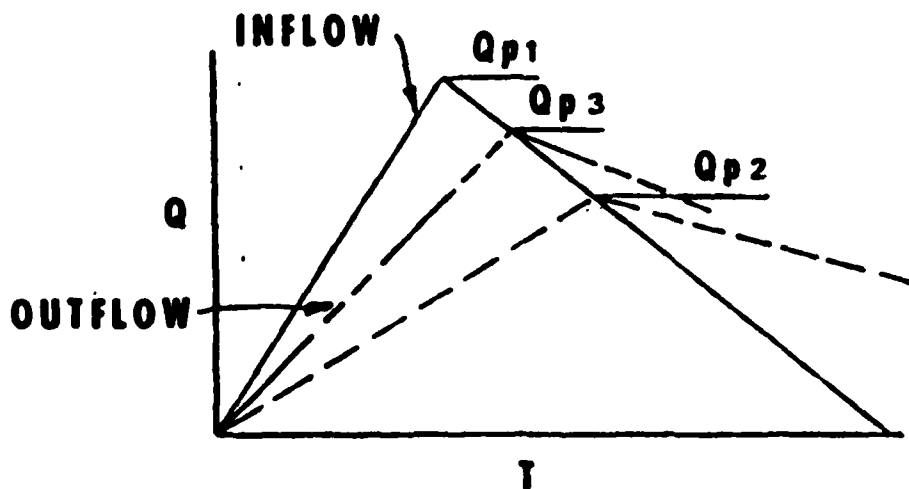
<u>River</u>	<u>SPF</u> (cfs)	<u>D.A.</u> (sq. mi.)	<u>MPF</u> (cfs/sq. mi.)
1. Pawtuxet River	19,000	200	190
2. Mill River (R.I.)	8,500	34	500
3. Peters River (R.I.)	3,200	13	490
4. Kettle Brook	8,000	30	530
5. Sudbury River.	11,700	86	270
6. Indian Brook (Hopk.)	1,000	5.9	340
7. Charles River.	6,000	184	65
8. Blackstone River.	43,000	416	200
9. Quinebaug River	55,000	331	330

# **MAXIMUM PROBABLE FLOOD PEAK FLOW RATES**

x5 - NED DAM IDENTIFICATION  
 ⊗ 7' - TWICE-SPF AT INDICATED SITE  
 DEC. 1977



## ESTIMATING EFFECT OF SURCHARGE STORAGE ON MAXIMUM PROBABLE DISCHARGES



**STEP 1: Determine Peak Inflow ( $Q_{p1}$ ) from Guide Curves.**

**STEP 2: a. Determine Surcharge Height To Pass " $Q_{p1}$ ".**

**b. Determine Volume of Surcharge ( $STOR_1$ ) In Inches of Runoff.**

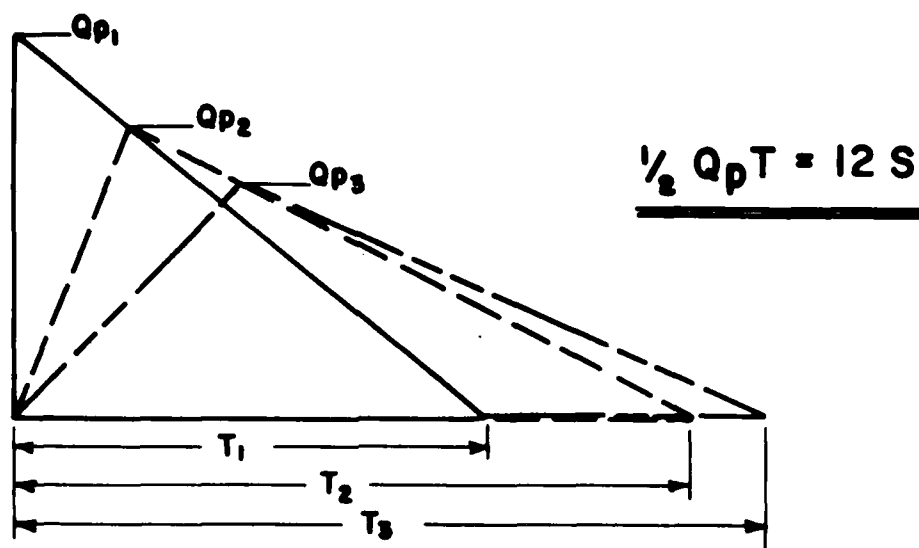
**c. Maximum Probable Flood Runoff In New England equals Approx. 19", Therefore**

$$Q_{p2} = Q_{p1} \times \left(1 - \frac{STOR_1}{19}\right)$$

**STEP 3: a. Determine Surcharge Height and " $STOR_2$ " To Pass " $Q_{p2}$ "**

**b. Average " $STOR_1$ " and " $STOR_2$ " and Determine Average Surcharge and Resulting Peak Outflow " $Q_{p3}$ ".**

# "RULE OF THUMB" GUIDANCE FOR ESTIMATING DOWNSTREAM DAM FAILURE HYDROGRAPHS



**STEP 1:** DETERMINE OR ESTIMATE RESERVOIR STORAGE (S) IN AC-FT AT TIME OF FAILURE.

**STEP 2:** DETERMINE PEAK FAILURE OUTFLOW ( $Q_{p1}$ ).

$$Q_{p1} = \frac{8}{27} W_b \sqrt{Y_0} Y_0^{3/2}$$

$W_b$  = BREACH WIDTH - SUGGEST VALUE NOT GREATER THAN 40% OF DAM LENGTH ACROSS RIVER AT MID HEIGHT.

$Y_0$  = TOTAL HEIGHT FROM RIVER BED TO POOL LEVEL AT FAILURE.

**STEP 3:** USING USGS TOPO OR OTHER DATA, DEVELOP REPRESENTATIVE STAGE-DISCHARGE RATING FOR SELECTED DOWNSTREAM RIVER REACH.

**STEP 4:** ESTIMATE REACH OUTFLOW ( $Q_{p2}$ ) USING FOLLOWING ITERATION.

A. APPLY  $Q_{p1}$  TO STAGE RATING, DETERMINE STAGE AND ACCOMPANYING VOLUME ( $V_1$ ) IN REACH IN AC-FT. (NOTE: IF  $V_1$  EXCEEDS  $1/2$  OF S, SELECT SHORTER REACH.)

B. DETERMINE TRIAL  $Q_{p2}$ .

$$Q_{p2} (\text{TRIAL}) = Q_{p1} \left(1 - \frac{V_1}{S}\right)$$

C. COMPUTE  $V_2$  USING  $Q_{p2}$  (TRIAL).

D. AVERAGE  $V_1$  AND  $V_2$  AND COMPUTE  $Q_{p2}$ .

$$Q_{p2} = Q_{p1} \left(1 - \frac{V_{\text{avg}}}{S}\right)$$

**STEP 5:** FOR SUCCEEDING REACHES REPEAT STEPS 3 AND 4.

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## HYDROLOGIC / HYDRAULIC INSPECTION

LAKE WATROUS

WOODBIDGE, CONNECTICUT

### (1) MAXIMUM PROBABLE FLOOD - PEAK FLOOD RATE

(a) WATERSHED CLASSIFIED AS "ROLLING TO MOUNTAINOUS" TYPE.  
USE MPF ROLLING TYPE CURVE FURNISHED  
BY THE ACE, NEW ENGLAND DIV OFFICE FOR  
THE DETERMINATION OF PMF.

(b) WATERSHED AREA: D.A. = 6.6 SQ. MI (NEW HAVEN WATER CO. DATA AUG. 1974,  
(C.E. MEASURED: 6.9 SQ. MI)

USE D.A. = 7.0 SQ. MI (J.W. CONE INSPECTION REPORT 6/26/75)  
D.A. = 7.0 SQ. MI

(c) FROM GUIDE CURVE:

$$M.P.F. \approx 1800 \text{ CFS / SQ. MI.}$$

(d) M.P.F. = PEAK INFLOW

$$Q = 1800 \times 7.0 = 12,600 \text{ CFS}$$

### (2) SPILLWAY DESIGN FLOOD (SDF)

(a) CLASSIFICATION OF DAM ACCORDING TO ACE RECOMMENDED  
GUIDELINES:

(i) SIZE (IMPOUNDMENT): STORAGE (MAX) = 2,780 AC-FT  
(INTERM.)  
HEIGHT = 51 FT (INTERM.)

\* FROM NEW HAVEN WATER CO. DATA AUG. 1974, AND TABULATIONS BY  
ENGR. ALBERT B. HILL (1917/1923) - (US INVENTORY OF DAMS MAX. STORAGE = 420 MG)

STORAGE TO SPILLWAY = 725.5 MG  $\approx$  2230 AC-FT.

AREA AT FLOWLINE = 109.1 AC.  $\therefore$  ADD. STOR. TO TOP OF DAM:  $109.1 \times 5 = 545 \text{ AC-FT}$

MAX. STORAGE  $\approx$  2780 AC-FT. THEREFORE, THE DAM IS CLASSIFIED

AS OF "INTERMEDIATE" SIZE.

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LAKE WATROUS WOODBRIDGE, CONN.

## (2) (CONT'D) - SPILLWAY DESIGN FLOOD (SDF)

### (a) CLASSIFICATION OF DAM

#### (i) HAZARD POTENTIAL:

THE DAM IS LOCATED UPSTREAM OF LAKE DAWSON DAM, WILBUR CROSS PKWY. AND WOODBRIDGE URBAN DEVELOPED AREA. HENCE, THE HAZARD POTENTIAL IS "HIGH"

#### (iii) SDF

ACCORDING TO ACE RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR LAKE WATROUS THE SDF SHALL BE THE MPF

$$SDF = MPF = \underline{\underline{12,600 \text{ CFS}}}$$

## (3) EFFECT OF SURCHARGE STORAGE ON MAXIMUM PROBABLE DISCHARGES

### (a) PEAK INFLOW (SDF = MPF)

$$Q_{P1} = 12,600 \text{ CFS}$$

### (b) SURCHARGE HEIGHT TO PASS $Q_{P1}$

#### (i) ESTIMATE SURCHARGE ABOVE SPILLWAY CREST

SPILLWAY DATA: (FROM "AS-BUILT" PLANS - LAKE WATROUS DAM, NEW HAVEN WATER CO., JAN. 1915)

LENGTH OF SPILLWAY CREST = 70'

U/S BATTER SLOPE (V:H) = 1.0 : 0.15. ROUNDED (OG: 6" TYP.)  
 SPILLWAY D/S FACE SLOPE (V:H) = 1.0 : 0.6. U/S HEIGHT OF SPILLWAY CREST TO GROUND  $P = \pm 3'$

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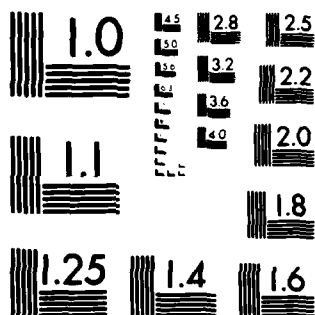
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LAKE WATKINS DAM

WOODBIDGE, CONN

(3) (cont'd) EFFECT OF SURCHARGE STORAGE ON MAXIMUM PROBABLE DISCHARGES.

(b) SURCHARGE HEIGHT TO PASS  $Q_{p1}$

(1) ESTIMATE OF SURCHARGE ABOVE SPILLWAY CREST FOR THE EXPECTED HIGH HEAD OVER THE SPILLWAY.

ASSUME  $C \approx 3.6$   $Q \approx 250 H^{3/2}$

$$H \approx \left( \frac{Q}{250} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$\therefore @ Q_{p1} = 12,600 \text{ CFS}$$

$$H_1 \approx 13.6'$$

MAXIMUM FREEBOARD FROM SPILLWAY CREST (ELEV. \*223.3' MSL) TO THE TOP OF THE DAM (ELEV. \*228.3' MSL) IS 5 FT.

HENCE, THE DAM IS OVERTOPPED.

- SPILLWAY CAPACITY AT  $H = 5'$ ,  $Q \approx 2800 \text{ CFS}$

(ii) COMPUTE TRUE SURCHARGE HEIGHT  $H_1$

DEPTH OF HEAD WATER ABOVE THE

$$\text{DAM} = H_1 - 5$$

$$\text{TOP WIDTH OF MAIN SECTION} = 10'$$

\* NOTE. NEW HAVEN WATER CO. DATA GIVE ELEVATIONS IN NEW HAVEN DATUM (MEAN HIGH WATER) MSL (U.S.C.G.S DATUM)  $\approx$  NEW HAVEN DATUM (MHW) + 3.31'

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LAKE WATROUS DAM WOODBRIDGE, CONN

13) (CONT'D) EFFECT OF SURCHARGE STORAGE ON  
 MAXIMUM PROBABLE DISCHARGES

(b) SURCHARGE HEIGHT TO PASS  $Q_p$ ,

(ii) COMPUTE TRUE SURCHARGE HEIGHT  $H_1$ ,

ASSUME  $C \approx 2.7$

LENGTH OF MAIN SECTION  $L \approx 1204'$

$$CL \approx 3250$$

$$Q \approx 3250 (H_1 - 5)^{3/2}$$

A BERM AT THE EASTERLY END RISES 10' IN A  
 DISTANCE OF 90'

$$\text{EQUIVALENT LENGTH} = \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{90}{10} \right) (H_1 - 5)$$

ASSUME  $C \approx 2.6$

$$Q \approx 16 (H_1 - 5)^{5/2}$$

A BERM AT THE WESTERLY END RISES 10' IN A  
 DISTANCE OF  $\approx 150'$

$$\text{EQUIVALENT LENGTH} = \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{150}{10} \right) (H_1 - 5)$$

ASSUME  $C \approx 2.6$

$$Q \approx 26 (H_1 - 5)^{5/2}$$

THEREFORE, DISCHARGE WITH A SURCHARGE OF  $H_1$   
 ABOVE THE SPILLWAY IS

$$Q \approx 250 H_1^{3/2} + 3250 (H_1 - 5)^{3/2} + 42 (H_1 - 5)^{5/2}$$

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LAKE WATROUS DAM WOODBRIDGE, CONN.

(3) (CONT'D) EFFECT OF SURCHARGE STORAGE ON  
 MAXIMUM PROBABLE DISCHARGES

(b) SURCHARGE HEIGHT TO PASS  $Q_{p1}$

(i) COMPUTE THE TRUE SURCHARGE HEIGHT  $H_1$

$$Q_{p1} = 12,600 \text{ CFS}$$

$$H_1 \approx 6.82' \text{ SAY } 6.8'$$

THE HEAD WATER ABOVE THE TOP OF THE DAM IS  
 $\pm 1.8'$

(c) VOLUME OF SURCHARGE

ASSUME NORMAL POOL LEVEL 0.5' ABOVE THE  
 SPILLWAY CREST

$$\text{AREA OF POOL AT FLOWLINE} = 109 \text{ AC.}$$

(SEE P. 1)

VOL. OF SURCHARGE: WITH  $Q_{p1} = 12,600 \text{ CFS}$

$$H_1 \approx 6.8'$$

$$\text{IS } 109(6.8 - 0.5) = 687 \text{ AC-FT}$$

$$D.A = 7.0 \text{ SQ. MI}$$

$$S_1 = \frac{687}{7.0 \cdot 53.3} = 1.8''$$

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### LAKE WATROWS DAM WOODBRIDGE, CONN.

#### (3) (CONT'D) EFFECT OF SURCHARGE STORAGE IN MAXIMUM PROBABLE DISCHARGES

- (d) PEAK OUTFLOW FOR SURCHARGE  $S_1$   
 (SEE GUIDELINES RECOMMENDED BY ACE  
 NEW ENGLAND DIV)

$$Q_{p2} = Q_{p1} \left( 1 - \frac{S_1}{19} \right)$$

$$\therefore Q_{p2} = 12,600 \left( 1 - \frac{1.8}{19} \right)$$

$$Q_{p2} \approx 11,400 \text{ CFS}$$

$$\text{FOR } Q_{p2} = 11,400 \text{ CFS}$$

$$H_2 \approx 6.66' \approx 6.7'$$

$$\text{AND } S_2 \approx 1.8'' \quad \text{SAVE} = 1.8''$$

- (e) RESULTING PEAK OUTFLOW

$$\therefore Q_{p3} \approx 11,400 \text{ CFS}$$

AND

$$H_3 \approx 6.7'$$

- (f) SUMMARY:

$$\text{PEAK INFLOW } Q_{p1} = \text{MPF} = 12,600 \text{ CFS}$$

$$\text{PEAK OUTFLOW } Q_{p3} = 11,400 \text{ CFS}$$

AVERAGE SURCHARGE ABOVE THE SPILLWAY

CREST IS  $\pm 6.7'$ , IT IS  $\pm 1.7'$  ABOVE TOP

OF THE DAM (ELEV. 228.3' NSL) OR M.L. EL. 230' MSL



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### HYDROLOGIC / HYDRAULIC INSPECTION

LAKE WATNOUS WOODBRIDGE, CONN

### DOWNSTREAM FAILURE HAZARD

(1) ESTIMATE OF D/S DAM FAILURE HYDROGRAPH  
 (SEE ALE "RULE OF THUMB" GUIDELINES FOR ESTIMATING  
 THE HYDROGRAPHS)

(a) ESTIMATE OF RESERVOIR STORAGE AT TIME OF FAILURE  
 (SEE D. SHEN COMPS. 5/18/78)

(i) MAXIMUM STORAGE CAPACITY = 2780 AC-FT

(ii) HEIGHT OF STRUCTURE ABOVE SPILLWAY = 5 FT

(iii) HEIGHT OF MAXIMUM POOL = 51 FT

(iv) ESTIMATED VOLUME OF STORAGE AT

TIME OF FAILURE :

TO SURCHARGE ELEV.  $\pm 230.0'$  MSL I.R.  $\pm 6.7'$  ABOVE  
 THE SPILLWAY CREST OR  $1.7'$  ABOVE THE DAM

$$S \approx \frac{1}{2} (109.1 + (6.7) + 223.0)$$

$$\approx 2,960 \text{ AC-FT}$$

\*1: AREA AT FLOWLINE

$$\frac{S}{Z} = 1480 \text{ AC-FT}$$

\* NOTE: NEW HAVEN WATER CO. DATA GIVE ELEVATIONS IN NEW HAVEN DATUM  
 (MHW) MSL (USCGS DATUM) = NEW HAVEN DATUM (MHW) + 3.31'

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DOWNSTREAM FAILURE HAZARD

(1) (CONT'D) - ESTIMATE OF DOWNSTREAM DAM FAILURE  
 HYDROGRAPHS

(b) PEAK FLOOD OUTFLOW  $Q_{P1}$

(i) BREACH WIDTH.

FROM THE NEW HAVEN WATER CO.,

AS-BUILT PLANS, JAN. 1915 # J-375

TAKING LOWEST ELEV. OF THE ORIGINAL GROUND SURFACE  
 AS DATUM.

TOTAL LENGTH OF DAM AT MID-HEIGHT 760 FT  
 $W \approx 0.4(760) \approx 304 \text{ FT}$

TAKE  $W_b \approx 300 \text{ FT}$

(ii) TOTAL HEIGHT AT TIME OF FAILURE

HEIGHT OF DAM = 51'

SURCHARGE = 1.7'

$Y_0 = 52.7'$

APPROX. WAVE HEIGHT IMMEDIATELY D/S OF DAM SITE

$Y \approx 0.44 Y_0 \approx 23.2'$

(iii) PEAK FLOOD OUTFLOW  $Q_{P1}$

$$Q_{P1} = \frac{8}{27} \sqrt{Y_0} W_b Y_0^{1.5}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{193,000 \text{ CFS}}}$$

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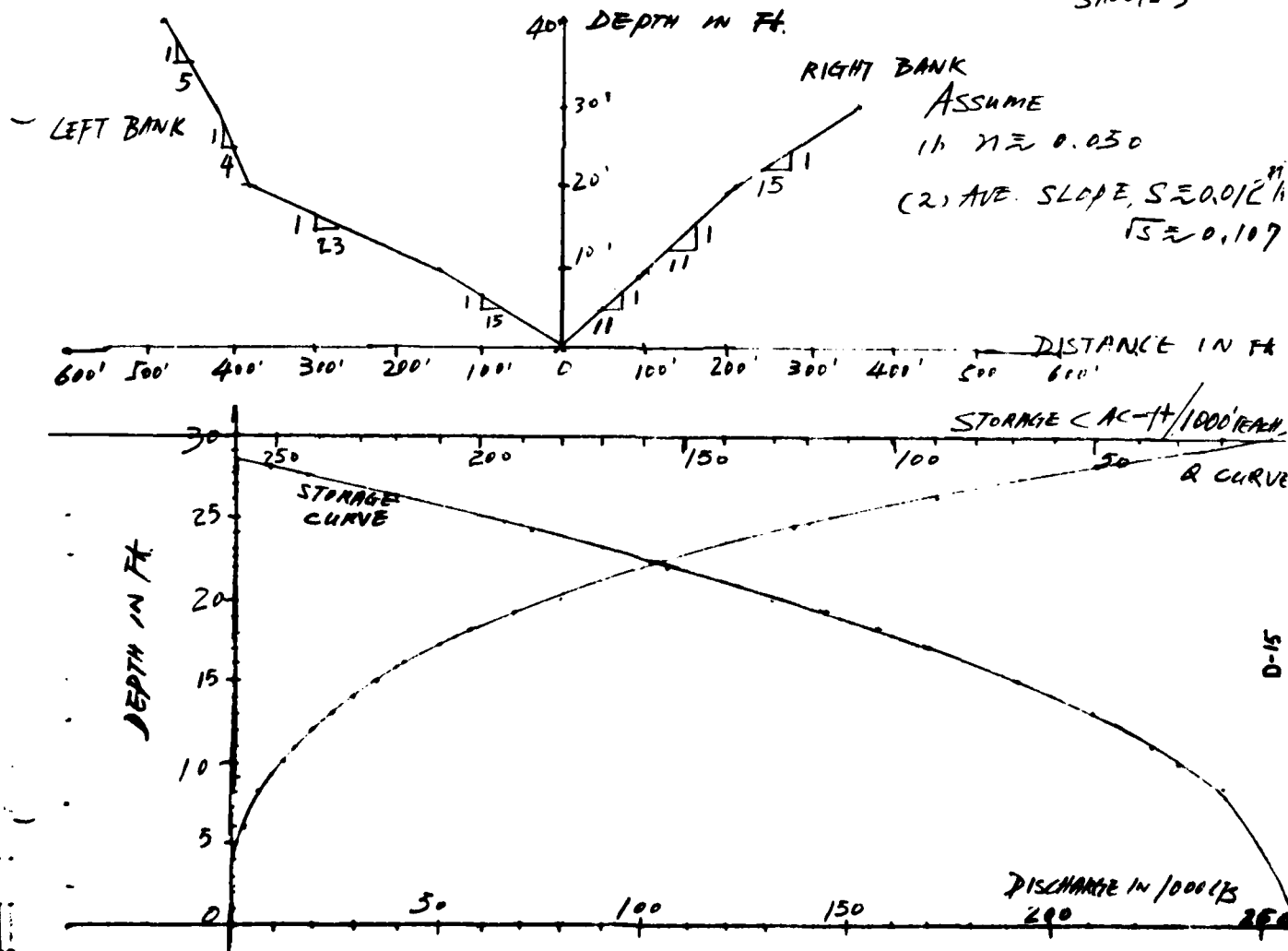
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DOWNSTREAM DAM FAILURE HAZARD

(1) (CONT'D) ESTIMATE OF D/S DAM FAILURE HYDROGRAPH

(2) TYPICAL D/S CROSS-SECTION & RATING CURVES

(FROM U.S.G.S WOODBRIDGE AND NEW HAVEN QUADRANGLE SHEETS)



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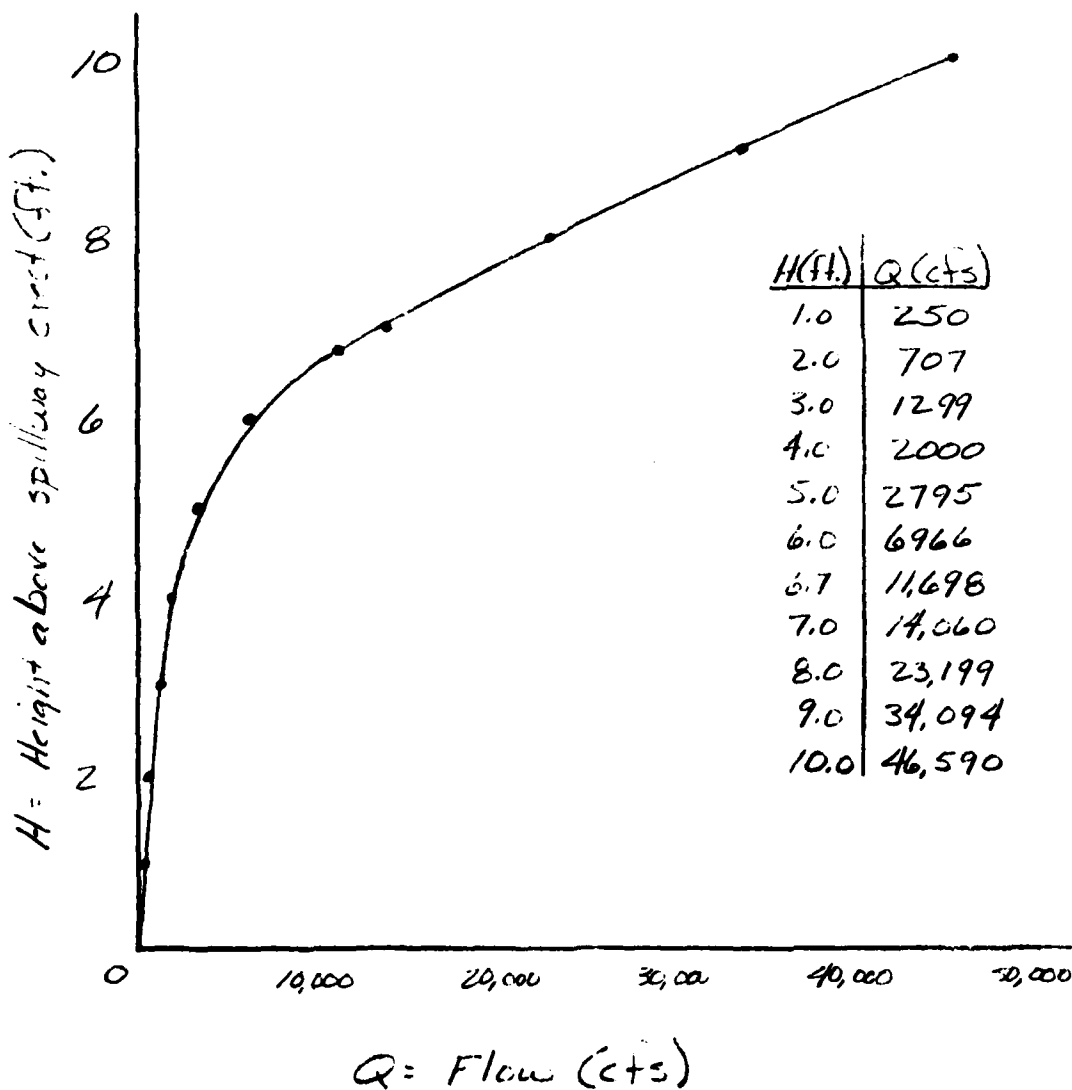
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## SPILLWAY RATING CURVE

$$Q = 250H_1^{3/2} + 3250(H_1 - 5)^{3/2} + 72(H_1 - 5)^{5/2}$$



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LAKE WATKINS WOODBRIDGE, CT

DOWNSTREAM DAM FAILURE HAZARD

(1) (CONT'D) ESTIMATE OF D/S DAM FAILURE HYDROGRAPH

(d) REACH OUTFLOW ( $Q_{p2}$ )

(i) @  $Q_{p1} = 193,000$  CFS FROM RATING CURVE  
STAGE  $\approx 27.5$  FT

VOLUME IN REACH  $\approx 243 \times 3.3$  (DISTANCE  $\approx 3300$   
 $\approx 800$  AC-FT FROM LK. WATKINS  
TO LK. DAWSON)  
FROM TOPO. MAP

$V \approx 800$  AC-FT  $< \frac{S}{2}$  O.K.

(ii)  $Q_{p2}$ :

$$\text{TRIAL } Q_{p2} = Q_{p1} \left(1 - \frac{V}{S}\right) \approx 193,000 \left(1 - \frac{800}{2960}\right) \\ \approx 144,000 \text{ CFS}$$

STAGE  $\approx 24.5'$

$$V \approx 3.3 \times 193 \approx 640 \text{ AC-FT}$$

(iii) AVE. VOL. IN REACH  $\approx \frac{640 + 800}{2} \approx 720$  AC-FT

$$Q_{p2} = Q_{p1} \left(1 - \frac{V}{S}\right) = 193,000 \left(1 - \frac{720}{2960}\right) \\ \approx 146,000 \text{ CFS}$$

STAGE  $\approx 25$  FT

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LAKE WATROUS WOODBRIDGE, CT

## DOWNSTREAM DAM FAILURE HAZARD

(1) (CONT'D) ESTIMATE OF D/S DAM FAILURE HYDROGRAPH

(2) ESTIMATE EFFECT OF LAKE DAWSON ON  $Q_{P2}$

(A)  $Q_{P2}$  = INFLOW FLOOD TO RESERVOIR

(SEE J.W. CONE 1965 REPORT CONCERNING DAMS OWNED BY NEW HAVEN WATER CO. ON THE WEST & SARGENT RIVERS)

LENGTH OF SPILLWAY = 801

MAXIMUM FREEBOARD = 6'

ASSUME  $C \approx 3.2$  (CONE:  $Q \approx 2870 \text{ cfs}$  @  $H=5'$ )

$$Q = (3.2)(80) H^{3/2} \approx 260 H^{3/2}$$

(A2) SURCHARGE HEIGHT ABOVE SPILLWAY  $\approx 1'2"$

TOTAL LENGTH OF DAM AND SIDE SPILLS = 1000'

ASSUME  $C \approx 2.7$

$$Q \approx (2.7)(1000) (H-6)^{3/2}$$

HENCE, DISCHARGE IS

$$Q \approx 260 H^{3/2} + 2700 (H-6)^{3/2}$$

$$\therefore @ Q_p = 146,000 \text{ cfs}$$

$$H_2 \approx 19'$$

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LAKE WATKINS WOODBRIDGE, CT

DOWNSTREAM DAM FAILURE HAZARD

(1) (CONT'D) ESTIMATE OF D/S DAM FAILURE HYDROGRAPHS

(2) ESTIMATE EFFECT OF LAKE DAWSON ON BP2

(iii) EFFECT OF STORAGE OF LAKE DAWSON

AREA OF POOL AT FLOWLINE: 69 AC (J.W. CONE REPORT 1965)

ASSUME NORMAL POOL 0.5' ABOVE FLOWLINE

(i) VOL. OF SURCHARGE

$$V_R = 69 \times (19 - 0.5) \approx 1280 \text{ AC-FT} < \frac{S}{2}$$

(iv) PEAK FLOOD OUTFLIN, TRIAL BP3

$$Q_{P3} = Q_{P2} \left(1 - \frac{V_R}{S}\right) \approx 146,000 \left(1 - \frac{1280}{2960}\right) \approx 83,000 \text{ CFS}$$

$$C \text{ } Q_{P3} \approx 83,000 \text{ CFS}$$

$$H_3 \approx 14.5'$$

$$V_R \approx 970 \text{ AC-FT}$$

$$\text{AVE. STORAGE IN LAKE DAWSON: } V_{AVE} = 1130 \text{ AC-FT}$$

(v) PEAK FLOOD OUTFLOW, BP3

$$Q_{P3} = Q_{P1} \left(1 - \frac{V}{S}\right) \approx 146,000 \left(1 - \frac{1130}{2960}\right)$$

$$Q_{P3} \approx 90,000 \text{ CFS}$$

$$H_3 \approx 15'$$

IT IS PROBABLE THAT DAWSON LAKE DAM WILL ALSO FAIL UNDER THIS SURCHARGE (± 9' ABOVE THE EMBANKMENT)

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LAKE WATROUS WOODBRIDGE, CT

DOWNSTREAM DAM FAILURE HAZARD

(1) (CONT'D) ESTIMATE OF D/S DAM FAILURE HYDROGRAPHS

(+ SUMMARY =

PEAK FAILURE OUTFLOW =  $Q_{P1} = 193,000 \text{ CFS}$

REACH OUTFLOW (U/S OF LAKE DANSON)

$Q_{P2} = 146,000 \text{ CFS}$

STAGE  $\approx 25'$

PEAK FLOOD OUTFLOW (FROM LAKE DANSON)

$Q_{P3} \approx 90,000 \text{ CFS}$

SURCHARGE ABOVE SPILLWAY  $H_3 \approx 15'$

DAWSON DAM WILL BE OVERTOPPED BY  $\pm 9'$

NOTE: THESE COMPUTATIONS HAVE BEEN PERFORMED BASED UPON A DAM BREACH WITH A SURCHARGED WATER SURFACE ELEVATION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL CORPS PRACTICES, COMPUTATIONS ARE PERFORMED BASED UPON A WATER SURFACE ELEVATION AT THE TOP OF THE DAM. A DAM BREACH WITH THE WATER SURFACE AT THE TOP OF THE DAM AND WITHOUT HEAVY DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL FLOW COULD BE MORE CRITICAL THAN A DAM BREACH WITH A SURCHARGE. THE DIFFERENCE, IN THIS CASE, IS NOT SUBSTANTIAL.



APPENDIX E  
INFORMATION AS CONTAINED IN  
THE NATIONAL INVENTORY OF DAMS



# INVENTORY OF DAMS IN THE UNITED STATES

STATE	DISTRICT	COUNTY	CITY	NAME	LATITUDE (NORTH)	LONGITUDE (WEST)	REPORT DATE (DAY   MO   YR)
CT	310	NED	CT 009 03	LAKE MATROUS DAM	4123.1	7258.2	08SEP78

POPULAR NAME	NAME OF IMPOUNDMENT
LAKE MATROUS	

NEAREST DOWNSTREAM CITY - TOWN - VILLAGE	POPULATION
WOODHURST	4000

TYPE OF DAM	YEAR COMPLETED	PURPOSES	HYDRAULIC POWER CAPACITY (KW)	IMPOUNDING CAPACITIES (ACR - FT.)	DIST OCN	FED R	PRV/PED	SCS A	VER/DATE	
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D/S HAS	SPILLWAY	MAXIMUM DISCHARGE (CFS)	VOLUME OF DAM (CY)	POWER CAPACITY (KW)	NAVIGATION LOCKS
3	1240 U 70	2800			

OWNER	ENGINEERING BY	CONSTRUCTION BY
NEW HAVEN WATER CO	ALBERT B HILL	C M BLAKESLEE AND SONS

DESIGN	CONSTRUCTION	OPERATION	MAINTENANCE
NONE	NONE	NONE	

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